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Black Anniversary

IT is two years since nine Jews were hanged in a public square in Baghdad, as a form of entertainment for the crowd and to help cover up the fact that the Iraqi regime was dealing similarly with opponents and critics who were Moslems.

There are now no more than 1,800 Jews left in all Iraq, long the home of a large and flourishing, and also learned, community. According to reports, their conditions have improved a little, though this means no more than that they have not been persecuted with violence recently. Most of them have asked for permission to leave, but only a few have been allowed to do so.

Egypt, also, has eased conditions somewhat, and is allowing some persons to leave once all their property has been confiscated.

According to the distinguished Committee for Jews in Middle Eastern Countries, headed by M. Alain Poher, President of the French Senate, Syria remains the chief and most abominable culprit, persecuting and harassing its remaining 4,000 Jews continuously.

They are no longer allowed to work in their professions and have little opportunity of earning a livelihood by any other means, as they are restricted to a limited area around their homes. A small amount of aid is permitted to trickle through to them; the government impounds half of it for its own purposes, and a further share is taken "for the refugees." Very little reaches the recipients, just enough presumably to make sure the aid will continue to be sent.

There are eyewitness accounts of persecution and torture, of the dismissal of Jewish teachers from schools attended by Jewish children, and their replacing by Arabs. We are too well aware of the desperate fate of Israel prisoners in Syrian jails to need much new evidence to understand how the 4,000 Syrian Jews eke out their existence.

It is a sorry chapter, and it is no comfort to know that the Syrians do not treat their own countrymen, or Jordanians or Iraqis, much better. On the contrary, it is bound to leave us aware that a neighbour of this kind on our doorstep is likely to remain a danger for a long time to come.

Nevertheless, the Syrians can have a representative on the Security Council, and they can employ their vote to push such U.N. action as the committee that recently claimed to investigate conditions of life in the administered areas, but would not investigate what was being done with respect to Jews in Arab countries. They must have known very well indeed why they were so unwilling for such an investigation to be held.



Uganda's new head of state, Maj.-Gen. Idi Amin, tells newsmen in Kampala yesterday of intelligence reports claiming Tanzanian troops are preparing to attack his country. (AP radiophoto)

Amin sees Tanzanian plot to restore Obote

KAMPALA. — The leader of Uganda's new military government yesterday said troops from neighbouring Tanzania were preparing to invade Uganda on orders from ousted President Milton Obote.

Tanzania's president Julius Nyerere, whose Government has granted political asylum to the 46-year-old Obote, cut short a visit to India and flew home last night.

Maj.-Gen. Idi Amin said he had "just received inteligence reports that Tanzanian troops are preparing with modern Chinese weapons, requested by Dr. Milton Obote, to come to attack Uganda. I received the message this morning and I am now preparing to welcome them here," he said. "I am not afraid."

(In Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzanian Vice-President Rashidi Kawawa was quoted by newspapers as saying the charge was "absolute rubbish.")

Shortly after Gen. Amin spoke, the number of military vehicles and personnel patrolling the streets since the military snatched power from Mr. Obote in a *coup* on Monday dwindled sharply.

Five Fouga Magister jet fighters flew in formation over Kampala yesterday afternoon, wheeling low over the city's seven hills — the first appearance of Uganda air force since the *coup*. An eye-witness said troops were digging trenches at Entebbe International airport, but life in Kampala was otherwise back to normal, with *shops open and children at school.*

But Ugandans, hearing Amin's warning of the ruse, flocked to the markets to buy up food in quantity.

Gen. Amin said his Government would honour all international agreements concluded by the former government and believed in the U.N., the Organization of African Unity, the East African community, and "good relations with all countries."

He said that 78 political detainees, including three women, would be released soon.

On Monday, when Gen. Amin declared *his coup successful*, he promised to release all political prisoners.

Gen. Amin declined to go into details on military preparations for the alleged invasion threat, but said his air-borne and mechanized units as well as his air force were ready.

"If Obote comes back he will come back as a citizen, not as a president, and there will be some charges against him," he said.

He also accused Mr. Obote of "desparately trying to make up lies to hide his mistakes" while he in "exile" in Tanzania.

The new leader told newsmen that his people had intercepted a phone call from Singapore by Mr. Obote to Interior Minister Basil Batarin-Gaya, in which they discussed the "murder of me and a lot of other people."

The Inspector-General of Police, William Oryema, told the news conference that the *coup* had resulted in "quite a number" of casualties. But he declined to elaborate when pressed by newsmen.

(UPI, AP)

Nyerere meets with Obote

DAR ES SALAAM. (Reuter). — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere last night began talks here with ousted Ugandan President Milton Obote a few hours after arriving hurriedly back from India.

President Nyerere cut short his state visit to India because of the army *coup* earlier this week which toppled Mr. Obote. At the airport students gave President Nyerere a warm welcome waving banners reading "Give us the arms to fight," and "Africa cannot be ruled by military bandits."

The talks were expected to go *on late into the night and a government* spokesman said he did not expect any statement afterwards.

From the airport all along the 12-km. route to town there were large cheering crowds — one of the biggest demonstrations seen in the capital for some years. The Ugandan and Tanzanian flags flew side by side.

Soviets answer Solzhenitsyn

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Writers' Union yesterday published an attack on suppressed author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, accusing him of making "false charges" against his country when he was expelled from the writers' organization 14 months ago. This was the first open reply to the angry letter Mr. Solzhenitsyn wrote to the union when he was expelled *in absentia* in November 1969.

The Nobel Prize-winning author wrote to the union a few days after his expulsion that Soviet society is "gravely sick" and suffers from a lack of openness which he characterized as "the first condition of health in all societies." "Literaturnaya Gazeta," the organ of the union, yesterday published a 1,000-word letter attacking the novelist's contention.

Although the letter was signed by Dean Reed, an expatriate American banjo player and folk singer living in Italy, it obviously carried official sanction of the writers' union. Speaking as an American, Mr. Reed wrote: "The sick society is my motherland, not yours, Mr. Solzhenitsyn."

(Report on David Oistrach — Page 2)

5 Nigerians shot for armed robbery

LAGOS (Reuter). — Five people, including two soldiers, were publicly executed by firing squads Tuesday after being sentenced to death on charges of armed robbery according to press reports here.

The three civilians and a private were executed at Uyo, in Nigeria's south-western state, in front of a crowd of 10,000 people. An officer was shot in Benin, capital of the oil-rich mid-western state, in front of 2,000 people.

BOMB SCARE ON JORDAN PLANE

BEIRUT, (Reuter). — A Royal Jordanian Airlines plane turned back to Beirut last night after explosives were reported on board, airport sources said here last night.

They said the control tower asked the airliner, which was heading for Amman on a scheduled flight, *to turn back after an unidentified* man called airline's offices and told them there was a bomb aboard the plane. It was being searched.

Thant urged to help Jews in Arab countries

ROME (Reuter). — A group of Italians yesterday appealed to U.N. Secretary General U Thant to use his good offices to help obtain the emigration of 10,000 Jews unable to leave Syria, Iraq and Egypt.

The appeal, addressed also to Italian Foreign Minister Aldo Moro, and to the ambassadors in Italy of the three Arab countries, was sent by the Italian Emergency Committee for the salvation of Jews in Arab Countries.

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Zuckermann family here

LOD AIRPORT. — Soviet physicist Boris Zuckermann arrived here late last night with his family from Vienna, where they stopped over after leaving Moscow on Monday.

Dr. Zuckermann, his eyes moist with tears, told reporters at a press conference here that the demonstrations in Israel on behalf of Soviet Jewry had *encouraged him and had* helped the Jews in Rusaia in their fight for their rights. He said he had been active in the struggle of the Russian Jews for three years, but had officially applied for an exit permit only two months ago. He stressed that his efforts on behalf of his people had always been carried out within the framework of Soviet law.

"The Russian Jews' struggle is not an organized one," he told reporters here. "Everyone carries on the struggle in his own way." He said it was very important to them, however, to know that the Jews outside the Soviet Union were behind them in their struggle.

Dr. Zuckermann said he believed the "anti-Zionist" trials would continue. However, he added, the Jews *in the Soviet Union are not afraid.* "In the end, they will allow the Jews to leave," Dr. Zuckermann predicted, "but it is a long way off yet, and the battle will require many sacrifices."

Dr. Zuckermann said he wants to contribute his share to the development of Israel, and hoped to be able to find work in his field — mathematics and physics.

Dr. Zuckermann, his wife and two children later left for their temporary home in the immigrant absorption centres in Jerusalem's Katamon Quarter.

ISRAELI CARGO FOR UGANDA HELD BACK

LOD AIRPORT. — The flight of an El Al cargo plane scheduled to leave for Uganda with 12 tons of building materials has been postponed until the political situation in that country settles down. It was announced here yesterday. The aircraft had been chartered by Alubin Co. Ltd., of Haifa.

El Al has made similar all-cargo flights to Africa in the past, including shipments to Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania and Uganda. *(Itim)*

Beirut students clash with police



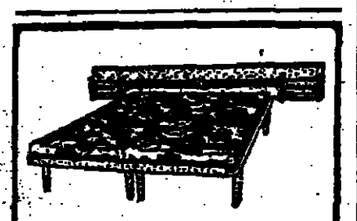
Student demonstrators in Beirut rush back after being tear-gassed by police yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

BEIRUT (AP). — Police used tear-gas and made baton charges yesterday to disperse student demonstrators in several parts of Beirut.

Ten students were hospitalized and 13 arrested, police announced.

The worst clash occurred in the city's main business centre, where 2,000 angry students set up street barricades and showered stones on policemen using water hoses.

The students are demanding better education conditions.



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Israel hands Jarring reply to Cairo bid

By ERWIN FRENKEL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah met yesterday with Dr. Gunnar Jarring to submit Israel's response to Egypt's proposals for a Middle East settlement. After the meeting, Mr. Tekoah declined to reply to any questions from newsmen, reflecting Israel's resolve to pursue "quiet diplomacy."

(Dr. Jarring later called in Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed el-Zayyat, who then had a meeting, at his own request, with Secretary-General U Thant.)

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Tekoah met with U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, but an Israeli spokesman said the meeting was not in connection with the Jarring talks.

Yesterday afternoon, the Big Four's ambassadors to the U.N. held their weekly meeting. The Soviet and French delegates were expected to press for Big Four action to extend the cease-fire after the February 5 deadline. However, the U.S., backed to some extent by the British, were seen to be resisting any such move. U.S. officials continue to maintain that there should be no outside interference with Dr. Jarring's efforts. Diplomats predict that U Thant will probably issue some kind of appeal for a cease-fire extension to make things easier for Cairo.

FRANCO-SOVIET STAND

The Soviets and French are still said to be intent on involving the *Big Four in more substantial action* in order to impose a settlement. But U.S. opposition has made these meetings largely irrelevant, and they serve only as a shadowy off-stage threat, in different ways, to Israel and the Arabs.

The Big Four deadlock also embraces substantial issues like withdrawal, the nature of a peace agreement, and the refugees. Because of this deadlock, the Four at one point focussed on the question of international guarantees and a peace-keeping force. "It was the only point on which any kind of convergence was possible," one diplomat said in explaining the emergence of the guarantee proposal.

This wrong-footed origin of the proposal compromises to some degree its seriousness, in the view of observers. However, the *willingness* of U.S. spokesman to make some favourable comment, followed by favourable editorials in the major U.S. papers, has given it public ballast.

It is also agreed that the proposal is at present largely academic, especially in view of the declared U.S. position that guarantees can only supplement but not substitute agreement between the parties.

No sign on Canal of 'full alert' by Egyptians

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Reports that the Egyptian army has moved into a full alert were not borne out by eye-witness reports from the Canal yesterday. Egyptian soldiers were still seen strolling around in the open, without weapons and not even carrying steel helmets.

There were no visible changes in Egyptian behaviour patterns of recent weeks.

Military observers here, however, see some significance in the increased activity on the Syrian frontier during the past few days. There were exchanges with terrorists on three consecutive days this week.

Yesterday morning a bazooka shell was fired at an army outpost on the Golan Heights. Later in the morning another outpost, in the Ramat Shalom area, came under protracted terrorist mortar fire.

Since the Syrians are known to exercise strict control over the terrorists operating on their territory, it is assumed here that, for reasons not fully understood here, the Syrians have authorised the gangs to step up fire across the Israeli lines.

Peking Premier sees Cairo delegation

TOKYO (AP). — Communist China's Premier Chou En-Lai held talks in Peking Wednesday with an Egyptian government delegation, the Hsin Hua (New China) news agency reported.

4 Soviet ships taking arms to Egypt

ISTANBUL (UPI). — Four Soviet transport ships, apparently *en route* to Egypt with military supplies, passed through the Turkish straits into the Mediterranean yesterday, *Istanbul authorities said. They said* cars and military vehicles could be seen aboard the vessels.

Jordan ignores pleas not to publish plan

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Jordan had ignored appeals from the U.S., Britain and other sources in its decision to publish the text of its proposals to Dr. Gunnar Jarring and submit them to the U.N. Security Council.

Diplomatic sources yesterday confirmed a report in the "Washington Post" that the president of the Security Council, Ambassador Sir Colin Crowe of Britain, tried on Monday evening to dissuade the Jordanian envoy, Mohammed el-Farra, from requesting that the proposals be circulated as an official Council document. However, Mr. Farra replied that the document had already been given to the press.

It is understood the Jordanians gave a copy of the text to the "New York Times" and dictated the wording by phone to Reuter and the Associated Press.

This selective procedure angered other papers and agencies, prompting them to note, with greater emphasis than heretofore, that such publicity is endangering the Jarring talks.

Alignment defeats Gov't rent bill, backed by opposition

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Labour-Mapam Alignment yesterday defeated a bill to raise controlled rents steeply, tabled by the coalition government it heads. The bill was offered by Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef, but the Alignment teamed up with the New Communists to kill the bill, 10 to 9, in the Knesset Law, Constitution and Justice Committee. Voting for were Gahal, the N.R.P., the I.L.P., the State List and the Agudа.

Controlled rents, therefore, will go up (once the alternate draft law is approved in the plenum) by roughly half of what Mr. Sharef wanted. In flats of one or one and a half rooms maximum rent will be IL24 monthly per room; in flats of two or two and a half rooms IL30 monthly; in flats of three or three and a half rooms IL40 monthly; and in four rooms and up — IL50 monthly. The increases will be staggered over three years.

HILLEL MEETS WITH ANWAR KHATIB

Mr. Anwar el Khatib, one-time-governor of Jerusalem and present-day East Jerusalem notable, yesterday met with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, at the Minister's invitation.

The discussion lasted for more than an hour in the Minister's Jerusalem office and centred around the Jarring talks, the situation in Jordan today and the Egyptian stand regarding Israel's peace proposals.

E. Germany delays traffic in protest to Berlin visits

WEST BERLIN. — East Germany yesterday began delaying West Berlin-bound traffic at the border checkpoints with West Germany, in apparent protest against visits here this week by leading West German representatives.

President Gustav Heinemann was the first to arrive here yesterday *for a four-day visit. A special U.S.* military aircraft took him over the 175 kms. of East German territory. State parliamentarians from the Free Democratic Party are expected to follow today and West German Chancellor Willy Brandt later.

East Germany has denounced the visits as a violation of the status of West Berlin, which it considers a separate political entity, independent of East and West Germany. It said the political activities were aimed only at creating a new conflict in the heart of Europe.

The Soviet Union last night protested to the three Western allies *in Berlin against the meeting.* At the same time, officials of the U.S., Britain and France expressed their grave concern over East Germany's traffic harassment.

The Soviet envoy was told that the Western allies did not consider the forthcoming meeting of the Free Democrats or other federal activities in any way a provocation, as the East Germans and Russians charged.

Meanwhile, in Frankfurt, three U.S. military police vehicles blocked a Soviet liaison mission sedan carrying two Russian officers and an enlisted driver and detained it for four and a half hours. U.S. army headquarters explained that the area, near a U.S. military mission, was *off limits to Russian vehicles.*

(Reuter, AP)

Tele-link satellite in orbit

CAPE KENNEDY, Florida (AP). — Intelsat 4, the world's largest communications satellite, was fired into stationary orbit high above the earth yesterday. Launch preparations for another communications payload ran into trouble and the shot was postponed until Tuesday.

A radio signal from the ground jolted the 3,094-pound Intelsat 4, out of an elliptical orbit and locked *it in a stationary position* about 22,500 miles above the Equator. Ground controllers planned to guide it slowly westward for several days to a precise position about halfway between Africa and South America.

The Communications Satellite Corp. reported the firing was successful. *The payload was launched* from Cape Kennedy Monday night. It will be capable of handling up to 9,000 simultaneous telephone calls to and from North and South America, Europe and Africa.

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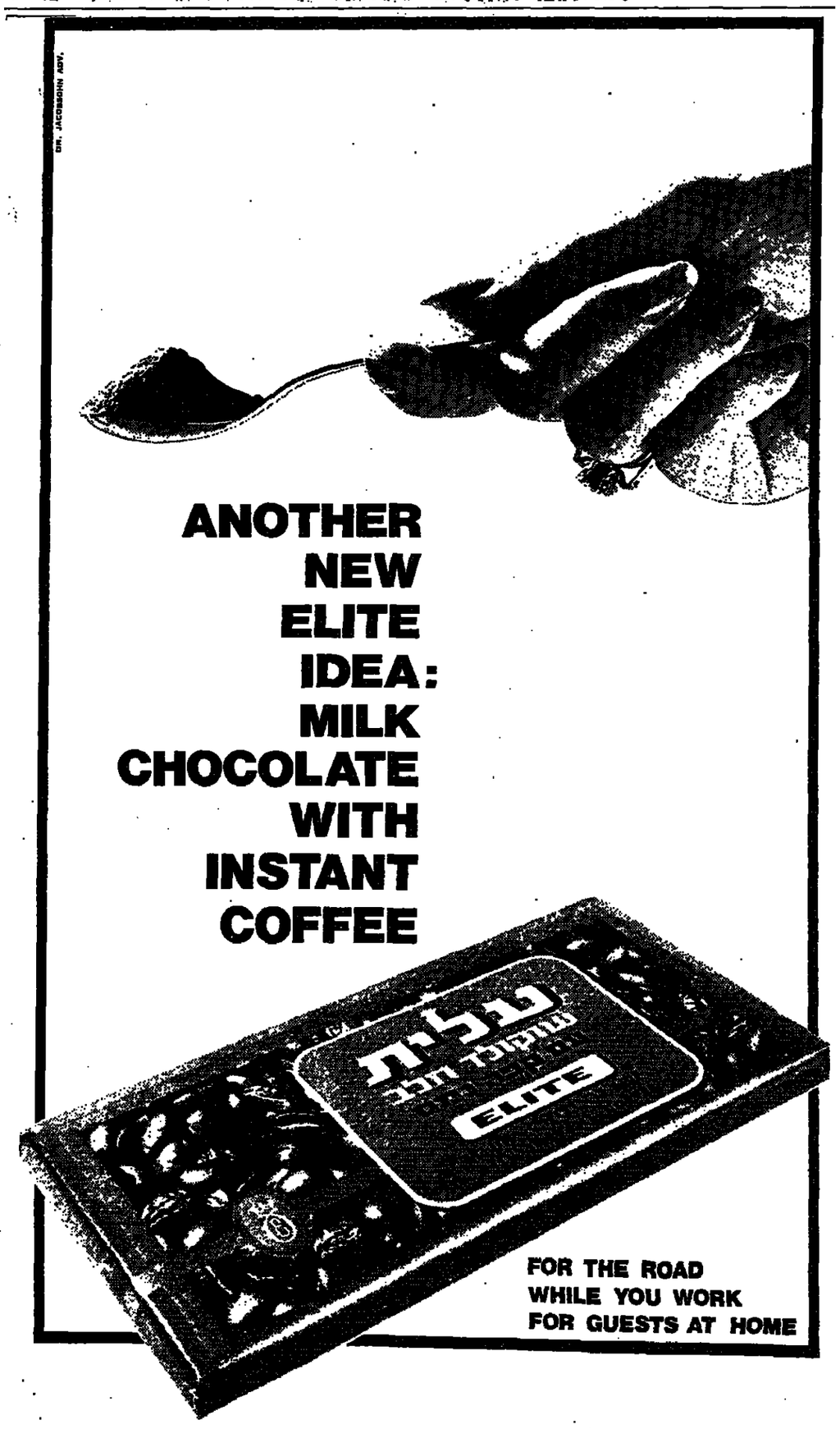
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Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zalman Shazar, yesterday received Nicaragua's first Ambassador to Israel, Colonel Ernesto Matamoros Meza, who presented his credentials. Foreign Minister Abba Eban represented the Government at the ceremony.

The President on Monday received Mr. Hillel Seidel, who presented him with a copy of his book on the holocaust, *Adam B'mivhan*.

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Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir on Tuesday gave a luncheon for Mr. Edward Ginsburg, of New York, and a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Victor Carter. The Minister also held meetings with Mr. Sam Rothberg.

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Mr. Efraim Gousman, Chairman of the Israel-Swedish Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Gousman, gave a reception at the Basle Hotel in Tel Aviv on Tuesday for the new Swedish Ambassador and Mrs. Sten Sundfeldt. The State Controller, Dr. I.E. Nebenzahl, and Mr. Avraham Ben-Yakar, chairman of the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, were among those present.

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The Ambassador of Colombia, Mr. Luis Sanin Aguirre, was yesterday presented with a certificate of inscription in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund by the Israel-Latin American Chamber of Commerce, at a luncheon given in his honour by the Chamber at ZOA House, Tel Aviv.

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Dr. Walter Ravenna, the Uruguayan Minister of Health, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute.

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Mr. Yehudi Menuhin gave a benefit violin recital, under the patronage of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, at the Khan Theatre, on Tuesday night. Proceeds went to the Jerusalem Foundation to help support joint Jewish-Arab youth activities.

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The annual general meeting of the Public Relations Association of Israel — Tel Aviv and Southern Region at the Sheraton Hotel, this week chose its new officers: Matityahu Kalir (Chairman), Yaacov Assaf, Shifra Goren, Mordechai Yaacubovitch, Simha Moretzky, Reuven Feder, Haim Rivlin, Arye Stein and Mordechai Shifman. Miss Ruth Eliav was elected Hon. President.

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Memorial services will be held throughout today, the 23rd anniversary of the death of the 35 men who died trying to relieve the beleaguered Etzion Bloc. A graveside service will take place at 10.30 a.m. at Har Herzl; at two p.m. a monument will be unveiled on Derech Halamed-Heh, between Gush Etzion and Roglit; and at four p.m. there will be another service at Kibbutz Netiv Halamed-Heh. A reception for the 1,700 youngsters taking part in the Lamed-Heh Relay Race will also be held at the kibbutz in the afternoon.

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Dr. Ben-Zion Cadouri, director of Ha'aretz Museum, is to address today's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, 1.15 p.m. at the Z.O.A. House.

U.S. reporter beaten up at Moscow street appointment

MOSCOW (AP). — Associated Press correspondent James Peipert was roughed up by a group of men when he kept an appointment shortly after midnight with a member of Moscow's small dissident community.

As Mr. Peipert and his acquaintance approached each other, a group of five or more toughs moved in and shoved them apart, pushing them with their hands and bodies and kicking at them. Mr. Peipert's glasses were smashed.

The U.S. Embassy yesterday protested against "the crude harassment and use of force" against Mr. Peipert. An Embassy spokesman said Counsellor Thompson Buchanan called at the Soviet Foreign Ministry to protest at the incident. The U.S. expected the authorities to provide American correspondents with protection and conditions for normal journalistic work as given to Soviet correspondents in the U.S.

SECOND INCIDENT

It was the second such incident within the last few days. On Saturday, as "Washington Post" correspondent Anthony Astrachan tried to meet another Russian, a group of men stopped him, grabbed him by his lapels, pushed him back to his car and smashed the car's taillight as he drove off. Other men hustled the Russian away.

Both meetings were arranged by telephone and the secret police apparently knew the time and place by tapping the lines. KGB agents frequently follow correspondents in their cars and sometimes record street-corner interviews with movie cameras. But these two cases were the first in which direct physical force was used to try to prevent a meeting.

FASHIONABLE BOULEVARD

Mr. Peipert's meeting was on Kalinin Prospect, the city's showcase boulevard, lined with sleek, modern buildings, shops, restaurants and theatres. A taxi driver and passersby ignored the commotion and Mr. Peipert's shouts for police. Mr. Peipert and the Russian broke away and reached the correspondent's car. The agents chased them, kicked and beat the Russian and struck Mr. Peipert several times, breaking his glasses.

They seemed to be trying to frighten the correspondent rather than hurt him. They were far rougher with the Russian.

The two attempts to thwart such meetings have no apparent connection with the recent harassment of Americans in Moscow which were connected with anti-Soviet activities in the U.S. The attempts appear instead to be a separate effort to restrict correspondents' contacts.

Apollo men train for emergencies

CAPE KENNEDY, Florida (AP). — The Apollo 14 astronauts climbed into spaceship trainers yesterday for a stern test of how they would react to possible emergencies on the moon journey which starts Sunday.

Alan Shepard Jr. and Edgard Mitchell worked in the lunar module simulator and Stuart Roosa in the command ship trainer.

The plan for the lengthy exercise called for Mission Control Centre in Houston to advise them to run through a certain phase of the flight, such as lunar descent or lift-off. The controllers would then simulate a malfunction of a system aboard either or both craft and evaluate how well the astronauts take corrective action.

Later in the day, the spacemen were to be briefed by engineers on modifications made to the Saturn 5 rocket and the spaceships. Mr. Roosa planned to make proficiency flying runs in a 38 jet plane at nearby Patrick Air Force Base.

The controllers will probably have trouble fooling the astronauts with emergency simulations. They have had more training than any previous Apollo crews, especially on trouble procedures.

Indians protest Pakistani ouster of diplomat

NEW DELHI (AP). — India protested to Pakistan yesterday against its declaring the First Secretary of the Indian High Commission in Rawalpindi *persona non grata* and asking him to leave Pakistan, the Foreign Ministry announced.

An Indian note said the charges against Mr. B.L. Joshi, that he had been indulging in espionage activities, were "all unfounded and false."

The note added that Pakistan's action was only to retaliate against India's order last Sunday expelling Zafar Iqbal Rathod, the First Secretary of the Pakistan High Commission here, from India.

Lebanese with tear gas seized at N.Y. airport

NEW YORK. — A Lebanese man carrying three pen-shaped tear gas containers and eleven tear gas cartridges, was arrested Tuesday night at Kennedy Airport as he was boarding a Trans World Airlines flight for London and Frankfurt.

Officers identified him as Bautos Samrani, 33, and said he was charged with taking dangerous weapons aboard an aircraft.

Samrani was searched routinely as he filed past airline agents at Kennedy International Airport, authorities said. They said they had no listing for Samrani's hometown in Lebanon, nor his occupation.

Meanwhile, a Beirut criminal court yesterday charged a Palestinian with attempting to blow up an Air France jetliner by placing a rolled-up magazine in one of the plane's jet engines, legal sources said.

P.L.O. CODE-NAME

The man, identified by his Palestine Liberation Organization code name of Adnan Mohammed, was arrested at Beirut Airport January 23 after an old magazine was found in one of the plane's engines. A technical investigating team said the magazine could have caused a blockage or overheating of the engine after takeoff and a possible explosion.

Mohammed admitted that he placed the magazine in the engine, but said it was done without evil intent. "But I wish I had some dynamite on me to blow up the plane because it belongs to an imperialist power," Mohammed told the court. Convicted of the charges, he could receive up to 15 years in jail.

(AP, UPI)

Ants are really loafers, says research team

PALM SPRINGS, California (AP). — "Ants aren't all they are reported to be," say George and Jeanette Wheeler.

The husband-wife researchers have devoted years to studying the creatures, heroes of fables on industriousness.

"Whenever we view an anthill we get the impression of a tremendous amount of activity, but that is merely because there are so many ants and they all look alike," the Wheelers concluded.

"The individual ants spend a great deal of time just loafing. Worse than that, the worker ants — who are all females — spend a lot of time primping."



A Ugandan policeman reads the newspaper as he sits on a Sherman tank outside the home of the new head of state, Maj.-Gen. Idi Amin, in Kampala. (AP radiophoto)

Syrian Jews in Paris tell of prison and torture

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Two Syrian Jews who recently escaped from Damascus to Europe described yesterday how the 5,000 members of their community in Syria are being subjected to torture, imprisonment, unemployment and poverty. The refugees, a bearded young man and a blonde woman, wore broad-rimmed hats and dark glasses in order to disguise their identity when they testified here before the International Conference for the Deliverance of Jews in the Middle East.

The speaker of the French Senate, Alain Poher, who introduced the witnesses, said they could not be named or photographed for fear of bringing terrible reprisals upon the heads of their relatives and friends in Syria.

The witnesses, who both claimed they had been arrested several times by the Syrian political police, said dozens of Jews were detained daily for interrogation by the authorities as a form of "administrative terrorism." No reasons for the arrests were ever given by officials.

The witnesses said that whenever a Syrian Jew tried to flee the country his family and friends were put in solitary confinement, stripped naked and tortured with electric wires. Detention usually lasted 60 days and not even small children were spared.

PROFESSIONS CLOSED

The witnesses spoke of a man who was held in solitary confinement for eight months with his feet in water, on charges of being a Zionist. He died two months after he was released.

Since government service and the liberal professions were closed to Syrian Jews, distinguished lawyers and teachers tried to make a living as tailors and carpenters. Many Syrian Jewish families lived entirely on relief from overseas Jewish organizations. But the maximum allowance which was doled out by the Syrian secret police amounted to only $4 a week.

Secret police officials supervised all synagogue services, including marriages which could only be performed after the fiances obtained a police permit to wed. The teaching of Hebrew was forbidden.

The witnesses said that Palestinian terrorists were quartered in their homes. Whenever a Syrian Jew died, his property was passed on not to his heirs but to terrorists.

Senator Poher paid tribute to the French Government for obtaining the release and departure of almost all Jews who had been held in Egyptian jails.

He added: "We are not trying to interfere in the internal affairs of the Arab states. Our motives are purely humanitarian. We hope Syria will follow the example of Egypt. But in Syria the situation is worse than it was a year ago. There is a wall of silence.

(In the Knesset yesterday the Independent Liberal faction asked for an urgent debate on the situation of the Jews in Arab lands — with especial reference to Syria.

The Presidium will quite likely find time at the beginning of next week.)

Cairo decision this week-end

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt is expected this week-end to announce its stand on the issue of the cease-fire extension after studying Israel's reply to determine whether there has been "serious progress" in U.N. envoy Gunnar Jarring's mission.

Beirut Radio said Arab observers said last night that the fact alone of Israel's reply to the Egyptian proposals may justify a new cease-fire extension beyond February 5.

Egypt itself maintained silence over the issue, but Egyptian officials were widely quoted yesterday by the Cairo press as stressing on Tuesday night that there would be no extension of the truce before evidence of "serious progress" in the Jarring mission. Cairo news media at the same time played up reports that Egyptian armed forces have gone on full emergency in preparation for the possible resumption of fighting.

Jordan was also reported to have been alerted for possible resumption of fighting after February 5. Beirut Radio last night quoted Jordan Premier Wasfi e-Tel as saying that his country would not stand idly by awaiting an outcome of the Jarring mission, and that Jordan was prepared for an armed confrontation on the expiration of the cease-fire. E-Tel was further quoted as stressing that Jordan will not yield an inch of occupied land.

The Jordanian Premier added that "enormous efforts" are currently being made for the revival of the Eastern Front.

Meanwhile, there has been no further information about the Jordanian high-ranking military delegation which Amman Radio on Tuesday said was leaving for talks in Cairo with Egyptian army chiefs. The delegation was apparently awaiting for the arrival in Cairo of a Syrian delegation before leaving. Syria is a member of the Eastern Front.

Iraq, the third member, is not expected to take part in current efforts to revive the front, following reports that Baghdad was withdrawing its troops stationed in Jordan.

Iraq yesterday voiced opposition to the Jordanian seven-point "peace" proposal. Baghdad Radio said the Iraqi press said the Jordanian proposals "set the stage for full pan-Arab recognition of Israel."

Poles describe massacre

LONDON (UPI). — "The Times" of London yesterday published a document which it said came from Gdynia workers and which accuses Polish security police of committing genocide last month.

The document is titled "Bloody Thursday in Gdynia." It deals with violence there December 16 and 17 which led to the downfall of former Polish Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka.

Addressed to all nations of the world, the document says in part: "Workers of the Paris Commune Shipyard in Gdynia, dockers and white collar workers of all industrial enterprises on the Baltic coast are pleading for the condemnation of the crime of genocide committed by the Polish N.K.V.D. (security forces under Gen. Mieczyslaw Moczar) on the innocent population of our region."

The document said shipyard workers had been on strike in Gdynia but, after a government radio appeal, went back to work.

The document says that on December 16, a pregnant woman and four workers were the first to cross the bridge which leads into the port, shipyards and industrial areas. "Suddenly, without any warning, there was a burst of machinegun fire," it said. The five fell on the street.

Passengers on two arriving electric trains tried to flee, but many were shot. A large crowd gathered shouting, "Murderers, Gestapo," the report says.

The document says anger rose during the night, but the next day, Thursday, helicopters dropped tear gas and fired machineguns from the air. Some young people tore down a door, and laid on it the boy who had been killed on his way to school. At least 2,000 persons joined the group and marched to the Town Hall with the body. But the security forces were waiting. "A horrible massacre followed," the document says.

Pope decries Guinea executions

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope Paul VI bitterly denounced yesterday the public executions in Guinea as a "blind and wicked vendetta in a collective explosion of hate and cruelty."

The Pontiff told a general audience in St. Peter's Basilica that the executions of some convicted of plotting against the Guinea regime filled him with "profound sadness and grave disillusion" — even though the life of a Catholic Archbishop was spared.

First reports from Guinea after the public hangings on Monday said that 58 persons had been executed. Later, however, not more than four persons were reported to have been hanged. Altogether 58 persons were sentenced to death and 66 to life imprisonment at hard labour.

(Conakry Radio's Voice of the Revolution announced yesterday that a fifth-columnist was hanged in the public square at Kindia, 15 kilometres from the Guinean capital. The radio did not link the hanging with the other executions.)

P.L.O. chief warns terrorist groups face destruction

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Commander-in-Chief of the Palestine Liberation Army, Brigadier Abdul-Razzak Yehia, said yesterday that lack of unity among the terrorist organizations was threatening their movement with destruction.

In a report addressed to Yehia Hammoudeh, the chairman of the Palestine National Assembly, Brigadier Yehia said that the terrorist movement's existence "has been rendered symbolic." Terrorist offices and establishments have been all but paralyzed," he declared.

Brigadier Yehia urged all terrorist organizations to merge "completely" into the Palestine Liberation Organization, whose army of about 8,000 men Yehia himself commands.

Meanwhile, Cairo Radio reported last night that P.L.O.'s parliament, the National Assembly, will meet in Cairo on February 27.

Brig. Yehia's report and the scheduled meeting of the assembly marked two significant developments. First, the P.L.O.'s 113-man parliamentary body is meeting in Cairo and not in Amman, where the authorities recently tightened their control of the terrorist movement. Secondly, Brig. Yehia, who was not involved in the government-terrorist confrontation in Jordan, addressed his note to the assembly's chairman, Hammoudeh, and not to the chairman of the P.L.O.'s Central Committee and Fatah chief, Yasser Arafat, who is believed to be facing a challenge within the P.L.O.

Pretoria urges plebiscite on S.-W. Africa

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP). — South Africa proposed yesterday to the International Court of Justice that a plebiscite be held in South-West Africa to determine whether or not the inhabitants there want to continue to be administered by South Africa.

The proposal was made in a letter by an agent for the South African Government with wide distribution to other organizations.

A U.N. resolution in 1966 called for an end to the mandate dating from the First World War under which South Africa has administered the mineral-rich South-West African territory. Principal reason for the call to end the administration is the apartheid policy which many countries claim prevents a fair government for South-West Africans.

Nun jailed for contempt in U.S. bomb plot case

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP). — A nun who charged the U.S. Government tapped telephones within the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. and Rome was ordered jailed Tuesday for failing to testify before a grand jury about an alleged bomb-kidnap plot.

Sister Jogues Egan, 52, of New York City, was held in contempt of court. She was named a co-conspirator in the case against six persons charged with plotting to kidnap Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and blow up tunnels in Washington on February 22.

She gave six reasons why she refused to testify before the grand jury. One of the reasons was that evidence that brought her before the jury was secured by illegal wire tapping. Then she said:

"In addition, all or some of the telephone communications monitored by the U.S. Government involved communications within the Roman Catholic Church of America and, specifically, between my provincial headquarters and the offices of the church in New York, Rome and throughout the U.S."

In the statement, Sister Egan did not explain why she believed the Government was monitoring calls within the Church, and she did not answer questions from reporters.

Wreckage found of Indonesian plane

JAKARTA, (AP) — A search and rescue team has spotted the wreckage of a missing Indonesian Air Force cargo plane that disappeared on a routine flight from Biak Island last week, but found no trace of the eight missing crew members. They included the son-in-law of the late President Sukarno.

An Air Force spokesman said yesterday pieces of the wreckage of the two-engine aircraft were found scattered over a large area of the sea 12 nautical miles south of Biak, a tiny island just north of the mainland of the West Irian Province of New Guinea.

Besides Lieutnant Surendro, 26, Sukarno's son-in-law, the crew included a major, a captain and five enlisted men.

Oistrakh to play in Austria if Rostropovich also comes

VIENNA (UPI). — David Oistrakh, Russian premier violinist, said yesterday he will perform at the Salzburg Easter Festival this spring if cellist Mstislav Rostropovich is allowed to come with him.

"If my friends come to Salzburg, I will also come," Mr. Oistrakh told the Vienna newspaper "Die Presse", in an interview in Salzburg, where he is now playing. He, Mr. Rostropovich and Russian pianist Sviatislav Richter are due to play the Beethoven Triple Concerto at Salzburg in the spring.

According to sources in Moscow and abroad, Mr. Rostropovich has been barred from performing abroad since he gave shelter to Nobel prize-winning novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn and issued a statement condemning Soviet Government policy toward the author.

But Mr. Oistrakh said there "is so much exaggeration in the West" about the Rostropovich case — particularly about the postponement of an Oistrakh-Richter-Rostropovich concert in Moscow before Christmas. "Rostropovich returned to Moscow only shortly before the concert after an extensive tour", Mr. Oistrakh said. "He was very tired. We wanted to rehearse first. Therefore we postponed the concert. Is it really so important whether the concert was played three days earlier or later?"

For himself, Mr. Oistrakh said, he had no problems with Soviet officials about playing in the West. "I play all concerts I want to play," he said. "The Soviet concert agency, Goskonsert, arranges everything for me."

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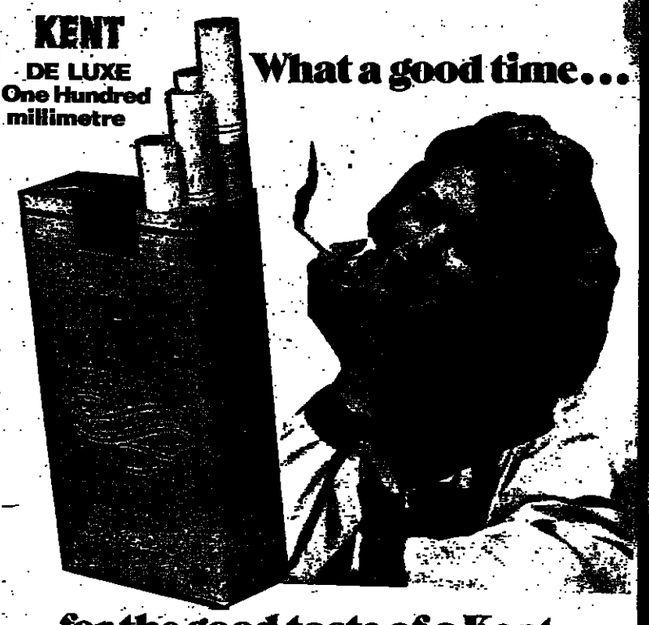
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Heikal: the influence remains

NEW YORK (AP). — *Observers* who predicted waning influence for Egyptian newspaper editor Mohammed Hassanein Heikal when his friend President Nasser died four months ago have proved wrong, writes "Newsweek" in its latest issue. This assessment of the 47-year-old editor of the Cairo daily "Al Ahram" came after an interview with the man "Newsweek" called the most articulate and powerful journalist in the Arab world.

The news magazine said U.S. Senator Edmund Muskie and U.S. Information Director Frank Shakespeare *both found Mr. Heikal informative* when they called on him for briefings in Cairo. It added that Nasser's one-time ghost writer and confidant also showed unusual political independence in criticizing the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only official political party, for "killing the political life of the country."

Mr. Heikal's continuing potent influence is attributed to a long friendship with *new Egyptian President* Sadat, although this is not nearly as intimate as his ties with Nasser. The "Newsweek" report concluded: "There *is no* question but that Sadat finds Heikal, with his ties to Egypt's growing middle class and intelligentsia, extremely useful. One *diplomatic observer* in Cairo explains: 'Heikal is quite simply the most articulate Arab propagandist of the day. Sadat can run Egypt *without him but he knows the job* will be easier if he has Heikal in his corner'."

Nixon faces a new row over Cambodia

By WILLIAM MILLINSHIP

WASHINGTON (Ofns). — WITH the new session of Congress scarcely opened here, Senate doves and Administration spokesmen are already shaping up for what could be another long *battle over the extent of the* American commitment in Cambodia. The dispute essentially is about the President's power to make war.

The intensification of American air activity in Cambodia has rekindled the old fears that President Nixon will allow himself to be sucked into a wider war in South-East Asia.

When President Nixon ordered American troops to attack Communist sanctuaries in Cambodia last April, horrified doves in the Senate saw a re-enactment of the mistakes which had got America into the Vietnam war in the first place. Despite the Administration's insistence that the incursions were an *eight-week, one-shot operation*, Senatorial critics, both Democrat and Republican, sought to put legal limitations on the President's power to commit the country to the defence of Cambodia.

Congress ruling

Congress finally passed a Military Aid Bill with an amendment, sponsored by Democratic Senator Frank Church and Republican Senator John Cooper, which ruled out the use of any "appropriated funds to finance the introduction of U.S. ground troops into Cambodia or to provide U.S. advisers to or for Cambodian military forces in Cambodia." The



Defence Secretary Laird... a question of "semantics."

amendment was accepted by the Administration, but Mr. Melvin Laird, the Defence Secretary, emphasised last week that it did not bar the use of American air power in Cambodia.

He said he had told President Nixon, on returning from a visit to South Vietnam, that the use of air and sea resources was "crucial" in protecting American forces in Vietnam. Senator Cooper, however, maintains that the way American bombers, fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships are now being used in Cambodia violates the Congressional amendment. Senator Church has called for "a thorough inquiry into the whole matter." Mr. Laird and other members of the Government will no doubt be obliged to explain themselves yet again to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Defence Secretary dismissed as "semantics" the distinction between "interdiction" raids, designed to stop the movement of Communist troops and supplies into South Vietnam, and "close support" of friendly forces in Cambodia.

What worries Senate doves is that "close support" means striking targets *so close to Cambodian* and South Vietnamese positions that the American pilots must be directed from the ground. They are directly supporting the Cambodians and South Vietnamese in Cambodia and only indirectly protecting American troops across the border in South Vietnam.

The main answer

Senate critics see this as one more step towards committing the U.S. to the defence of Cambodia itself. At his press conference last month, President Nixon himself indicated that he would order strikes against targets in North Vietnam whenever he suspected that the *Communists were preparing an offensive.*

Air power is now evidently the Administration's main answer to what has always been the danger lurking in the Vietnamisation programme: that the Communists would inflict a humiliating and bloody defeat on American ground forces in Vietnam weakened by the steady withdrawal of some 12,000 men a month. What has not been spelled out is whether Washington now considers the survival of an effective non-Communist Government in Cambodia essential to the success of Vietnamisation.

Mr. Nixon, however, seemed to be hinting at this when, at his Press conference, he said that the $255m. military assistance to Cambodia was "probably the best investment in foreign assistance that the U.S. has made in my political lifetime." He argued that the Cambodians were tying down 40,000 North Vietnamese regulars who would otherwise be "killing Americans."

The logical conclusion of this is that it would be in the interests of the U.S. to prevent a Communist take-over of Cambodia. And this *would bring America close to the* kind of commitment that the Cooper-Church amendment was intended to rule out.

The Administration may calculate that the country will pay little attention to "semantics" and fine distinctions in air war techniques as long as it sees the continued withdrawal of American ground forces. But the Senate, anxious to reassert its constitutional share in the direction of foreign policy, again seems to be in a sour mood, prepared to challenge not only the expansion of American air activity over Cambodia, but its broader implications for the "Nixon Doctrine."

'Policeman' role

Originally this appeared to set the guidelines for reducing America's "world policeman" role and *encouraging Asian countries in particular* to rely more on themselves for their own defence. But last week, Mr. Laird invoked the Doctrine *to justify the increased use* of American air power in Cambodia. Under the Doctrine, he said, "the U.S. would be and is prepared to provide material assistance and air and sea assistance to our allies and our friends in Asia." His interpretation is unlikely to go unchallenged.

It is unfortunate for Mr. Nixon that a subject about which the Senate is so sensitive should come up at the very start of a Congressional session which he wants to concentrate on domestic legislation.



Turai-Rishon (Lance-Corporal) Yosef "Yossele" Schuchmacher, whose kidnapping and spiriting abroad by his ultra-Orthodox grandparents involved the Israeli public and institutions in the early 1960s, chats with the man who brought him back to Israel and to his parents, Mr. Issar Harel. Mr. Harel was then the incognito head of Israel's Security Services. The photograph was taken at a cocktail reception given by the "Weidenfeld and Nicolson Jerusalem" publishing house on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the publication of the book in Hebrew, "Hamemuneh: Issar Harel and Israel's Security Services," by Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar.

(Photo Radovan)

Dutch suggest Mart role in M.-E. conflict

By H. BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM. — THE Middle East situation was the subject of talks held by the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. Joseph Luns, in Washington last week, with Secretary of State William Rogers and Mr. Joseph Sisco, and in New York on Tuesday with U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, Dr Gunnar Jarring, and the Egyptian U.N. representative, Mohammed el-Zayyat.

Dr. Luns earlier this month visited Persia, Saudi Arabia and Kuweit.

In an address last week at a military academy, Dr. Luns said the Big Four might withdraw somewhat at present and that their role might be taken over by the six countries of the European Common Market. At a conference of their Foreign Ministers next month they would try to coordinate their policies on the Middle East. Also, a working group of high officials might be set up to draft plans for a Middle East settlement. Dr. Luns stressed that Holland maintains very good relations both with Israel and with the Arab countries. Holland was also prepared to contribute troops for a possible U.N. Peace Force in the Middle East

DRUGS AND SEX: UNESCO EXPLODES A FALLACY

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — THE popular picture of drug-crazed hippies indulging in wild orgies *is a fallacy, according to* Dr. Thaddeus Mann, Professor of the Physiology of Reproduction at Britain's Cambridge University. In fact, it appears that many drug users are sexual inadequates. Professor Mann says: "Drug dependence in a man is often traceable to his incompetence in coping with the opposite sex, to his unbalanced desire, which stems from low-grade capability, and an expectation that some drug or other will rid him of his sexual inhibitions."

These observations have just been published in *Paris* in the latest number of "Impact of Science on Society," Unesco's socially conscious science quarterly. *In the current issue*, which is devoted to the theme "Potential Advances in Man," the Cambridge scientist states: "Mainly visual and euphoric rather than strictly bodily sexual after-effects are probably the essence of the allegedly pleasurable erotic experiences of the habitual opium or hemp (hashish or marihuana) user."

Professor Mann quotes the testimony of a drug user, the 19th-century French writer Theophile Gautier, who wrote: "A Romeo who took hashish would quickly have tired of Juliet. For a hashish addict, the most beautiful girl in Verona isn't worth bothering about."

As for LSD, Mann continues, "there is general agreement *that* the sexual emotions evoked by psychedelic drugs are in the nature of illusory platonic affectations and do not lead to sexual arousal." Mann also raises the possibility that thalidomide — which has been widely used by men as well as by women — might harm offspring if taken by the father rather than the mother. He comments: "In the rabbit, at any rate, it appears that following prolonged ingestion of thalidomide by male animals, there is a distinct adverse influence on the progeny."

Encouraging view

A more heartening view of the potential advances of mankind is described in "Impact" by Dr. Alex Comfort, who predicts significant breakthroughs in the prolongation of the human lifespan in the next 20 years. Dr. Comfort, who is Director of the Medical Research Council Group on Ageing at University College, London, points out that life expectancy at the age of 65 is only two years higher today than it was in 1900. This is because increases in man's life expectancy have been *achieved mainly by the success* of medical science in removing the causes of premature death.

However, research of a breakthrough nature is now being undertaken which promises not only to extend the human lifespan but, more important, to lengthen the period of useful life. Dr. Comfort reports that "calorie restriction in the diet can prolong life by as much as 50 per cent in mice fed fully for two days and then starved on the third."

Protecting cells

Other methods under test include use of simple chemical preservatives, similar to those used to inhibit chemical processes causing food spoilage. These can delay damage to the giant molecules in all the body's cells which direct the production by the cells of the vital substances needed for healthy existence. Another potential life-prolonging technique is control of the body's immunological system. This enables body cells which have become defective over time to be preserved for further useful work.

Dr. Comfort predicts: "Direct experiment on delaying the age changes in man is virtually certain to be in hand in 1975." He adds that by the year 1990 we shall know of a simple, cheap experimentally effective way of prolonging vigorous life by about 20 per cent. The economic, political and psychological consequences of this increase in the productive lifespan will be numerous.

Dr. Comfort lists among them an aggravation of the "generation gap" and a prolonged stay in power by *conservative-minded senior citizens.* He writes: "A tenure 40 per cent longer in office for administrators, executives or professors cannot be viewed with total complacency" — especially not by eager young men.

Another consequence may be a change in our current attitudes towards the aged who, Dr. Comfort observes, "can rightly be regarded as a disadvantaged group." Simpler societies, he points out, compensate the biological losses of the old with "status, respect, authority, magical attributes and guiltless dependence," whereas in privileged societies, like the United States and Britain, the old suffer "loss of role, of activity, of self-esteem and of social worth."

CONDITION of SYRIAN JEWS OPPRESSIVE, says U.S. SURVEY

Gen. Clay sees danger also in Egypt, Iraq, Libya

NEW YORK. — A survey of the conditions affecting *Jews in several Arab countries*, issued here on Tuesday by General Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the Committee of Concern, finds the situation of Jews in Syria as oppressive as ever, while that of Jews in Egypt, Iraq and Libya, though somewhat improved, continues to be precarious.

The report, made public on the second anniversary of the hanging of Jews in Baghdad by the Iraqi military regime, was issued as part of a worldwide marking of the anniversary by the International Conference for the Deliverance of Jews in the Middle East. Mr. Alain Poher, President of the French Senate, heads the International Conference, while General Clay, successor to General Eisenhower as head of the American military forces in Europe after the Second World War, heads the American Committee of Concern.

"While there are signs of hope, there remains much to be done to alleviate the plight of these small minorities who are the innocent victims of the ideological tensions and political conflicts in this turbulent region," said retired General Clay. He reported that the 4,000 Jews in Syria must carry special identity cards, are barred from many jobs, are subject to curfews, cannot travel more than 2½ miles from their homes, and cannot emigrate. However, he said, the new Syrian regime may include Jews in its announced policy of easing restrictions.

The Committee said it found little substance to promises by the Iraqi Government to treat Jews better. *It said more than 1,800 Iraqi Jews applied* for emigration in 1969, but that only about a dozen elderly persons have been permitted to leave. About 90 Jews remain in Libya and they are still prevented by the Government from leaving, the report said. About 700 Jews remain in Egypt, where some progress has been made. The Committee noted the Government had released the 80 remaining Jewish prisoners jailed since the outbreak of the Six Day War, but had required them to renounce Egyptian citizenship, agree to leave Egypt, and surrender their property to Government confiscation.

In transmitting the report to Mr. Poher, General Clay expressed the hope that "our efforts and those of likeminded groups throughout the civilised world *will arouse the conscience of mankind. I also trust* the outcry of world opinion will soon lead to further practical measures to restore fundamental human rights and to permit the free emigration of Jews from all countries which now deny these rights."

The Committee of Concern is a non-sectarian group of Americans seeking to alleviate the plight of minorities in Arab countries. *(AP, Reuter)*

Gahal panel holds talks on district voting

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE national executive of the Gahal bloc (which combines the *Herut and Liberal parties*) met in the Knesset this week for a preliminary exchange of views on the proposal to have general elections to the Knesset based on a constituency system, instead of the current countrywide list.

The exchange was not concluded, and no proposals were tabled or voted. The executive will resume discussions on the topic in a week or two. Speakers from Herut all *opposed the idea of constituency* elections, while most (but not all) Liberal speakers favoured a change, similar to the one approved in outline by Labour.

Dialogue with Labour

The Liberal members reported on *their contacts with Labour, which* have been taking the form of a dialogue, and not negotiations. The Liberals will continue these contacts until their national convention some time this summer, when their party will have to take a binding stand — for or against a change in the electoral system.

Herut speakers stressed that they did not oppose a change because of any high-sounding principles. Former Premier David Ben-Gurion they charged, had pushed the idea of constituency elections years ago because he saw it might give his Mapai party absolute majority. They declared that they would support constituency elections, if it turned out that Labour's strength was not boosted as a result.

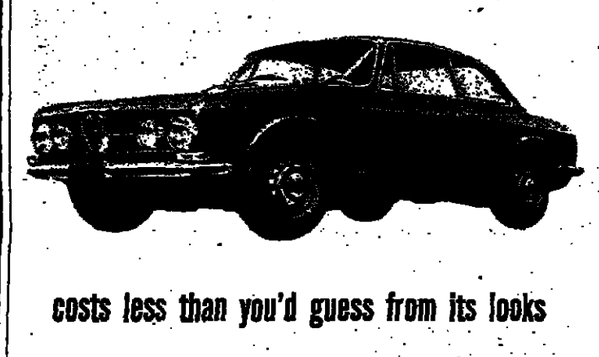
PLO denies it beheaded Israeli Druse

BEIRUT — (Reuter) — The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) on Tuesday night denied Israeli charges that terrorists had killed an Israeli Druze tractor driver and beheaded him. A statement issued by PLO's political committee for Palestinian affairs blamed Israeli soldiers for the beheading and said that by these allegations Israel was *attempting* to "arouse sectarianism, mislead. Druze villagers and create grudges against the commandos..."

The statement went on to say that on the day of the incident terrorists ambushed a tractor "which had repeatedly paved the way for Israeli tanks used in shelling southern Lebanese villages. The commandos fired a rocket at the tractor, destroying it and setting it ablaze from a 300-metre distance. The commandos did not stop to find out what happened to *the tractor driver or to find out* his identity," the statement said.

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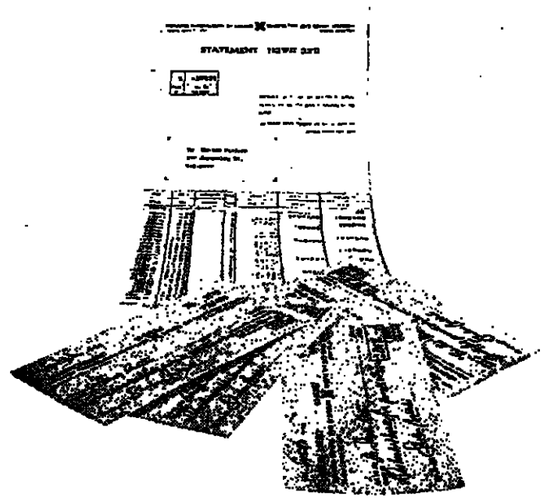
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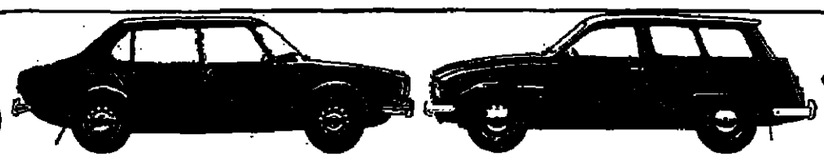
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Business and Finance

POST Economic Editor MOSHE ATER discusses the future of Rassco, which has been cut down to size after having been our "biggest-yet business failure." He suggests it should now be taken over by a strong group of investors.

Rassco in the black—time for a takeover

RASSCO'S announcement that the company is again operating in the black is an opportunity to take another look at the company that was the country's biggest-yet business failure. That a bankruptcy was avoided in this case was due only to the aid extended by the Jewish Agency, which naturally felt itself obliged to come to the rescue, both as Rassco's parent body, and as a national institution which had throughout backed Rassco's expansion.

Nevertheless, one may wonder whether the support would have been provided the way it was, had its eventual cost been known from the outset. It has taken years to unscramble the mess and settle the far-reaching liabilities. Altogether the Agency had to provide in various ways close to IL70m. On top of it, Rassco was relieved of foreign liabilities amounting to about $10m. These were taken over by a new, special, subsidiary of the Agency (according to an agreement made with the American S.E.C.), but this has been balanced by a transfer of assets fully backing those liabilities. It goes without saying that the company's own share capital and reserves (IL45m.) have gone down the drain.

Radical reform

Rassco's consolidation has been hindered by the fact that the crisis came to a head during the recession, which, of course, impeded the required disposition of assets. Nevertheless the new management, appointed in the nick of time, has succeeded in carrying out a radical reform. At the end of March 1966 the group's consolidated balance sheet amounted to IL297m. In March 1969 the figure was down to IL219m., and by now it may be about IL200. Reduction in the stock of buildings for sale (ready and in construction) amounted to almost IL30m. and sale of lands held by the concern to IL9m. Most of the pruning, however, was achieved by getting rid of properties — industrial, trading, agricultural and other subsidiaries — which Rassco had accumulated far beyond its capacity to manage and to operate.

Cut to size

For a while the liquidation of Rassco itself was expected. But it turned out that, cut to size and properly functioning, the company can pay its way and has a niche to fill in our economy. Rassco is no longer pretending to act as a major instrument for attracting foreign capital, for middle class housing or for industrial development. But it remains our second biggest building contractor and one of the major urban developers. Its failure — so it turns out — was due not to a structural fault, but to mismanagement, pure and simple.

Rassco's operations are now largely confined to urban development (mainly housing), construction (including contracting, both at home and abroad), and management of real estate (both own and of other investors). However, it has retained its quarry subsidiaries and a few plants producing building accessories, as well as two hotels (out of its original four). In 1968-69 housing and construction accounted to close to 60 per cent of the group's consolidated revenue. Currently their share may approximate three quarters.

It is not clear to what extent the above departments contribute to Rassco's profits. In 1968-69 — the last year for which a consolidated statement has been published — most of the profit still came from *industrial and agricultural subsidiaries* (which then included Rassco Plantations in addition to quarries and factories) and from "sundries" i.e. mainly rent and management fees of buildings owned or managed by the Isras and Dirot Am companies. However, this relation need not necessarily be true today, since Rassco Plantations has been disposed of, while the group's construction and housing volume is currently about one-third bigger than two years ago.

Operating profit

The crucial fact is that under the new management separate profit *and loss accounts are maintained* for every department, and that all departments and subsidiaries (except for one small plant) are operating in the black. Rassco proper had by 1968-69 achieved an operating profit (of IL1.64m.) though the group's consolidated account still showed then an operating loss (of IL9.22m.). In 1969-70 Rassco's operating profit soared to IL9.5m. and it achieved a total net profit of IL2m. There is reason to expect that the consolidated profit for 1969-70 will also approximate this figure, and that the 1970-71 total profit will be at least double as much.

Order backlog

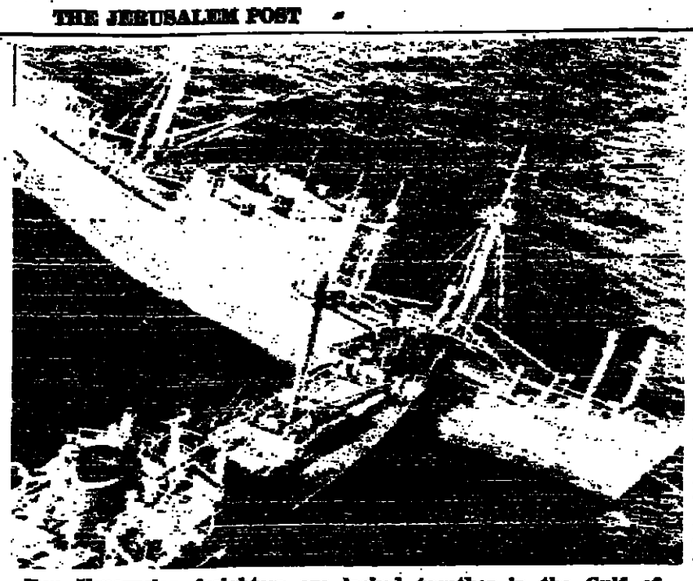
With an expanding turnover, an ample backlog of orders, improving profitability, and hopeful starts of overseas operations, the company is nevertheless faced with a grave financial problem owing to its lack of own capital. Rassco's balance sheet for the end of March last showed an excess of aggregate liabilities over assets by IL7.6m. — which is expected to be wiped out by the current year's profits and share capital increase — and an excess by almost 50 per cent of current liabilities over liquid assets. The company's financial charges (net) amounted to IL8.4m., i.e. to almost 90 per cent of its operating profit. While the company has got rid of most of its dollar linked liabilities, and has reduced its total indebtedness, its interest burden has increased owing to the high local interest level, and the rising cost of the c.o.l. linkage. One may argue that an average 7 per cent rate of interest which can be charged to the profit and loss account is not all that different from the financial point of view from an adequate dividend payable out of taxable profits. One may also point to the fact that Rassco has been able to pay its way and to improve its finances by good planning of its cash flow. Still one has to admit that it cannot for very long operate and expand without acquiring some capital funds of its own.

One may presume that some amounts could be accumulated out of current profits, and some hidden reserves could be activated in the course of time. However, that would hardly provide the right answer to the company's problem. Rather its financial troubles are likely to aggravate the more it expands, and the more funds and collaterals are required in order to finance that expansion. Under normal circumstances the required funds would have to be provided by Rassco's parent body or by a public issue.

However, neither procedure can be applied in this case. It will take many years before confidence in Rassco's shares is restored, and their quotations recover from the present low. The Jewish Agency also is unlikely to find yet more spare funds for investing in its ill-fated subsidiary, nor be ready to revamp its business activity, of which it has shown itself so blatantly incapable. The paradox may be therefore that Rassco's business recovery will strengthen the tendency to scuttle it.

A new proposal

Obviously a much better alternative would be a takeover of the company by a strong group of investors who could put to good use the company's experience and goodwill, as well as a management team which has proved its capability in the most difficult circumstances. Instead of keeping its finger in a pie for no visible purpose — since Rassco does no more fulfil any Zionist function — the Jewish Agency should sell its share holding in the company at a reasonable price. This holding now amounts to a nominal IL29m. — including about 70 per cent of Rassco's ordinary share capital — and its proper evaluation would be rather difficult, but the eventual price is of secondary importance in this case if a lasting solution could be achieved by the sale. Needless to say, Rassco's private shareholders would also benefit from a takeover of the company by a strong, businesslike group.



Two Venezuelan freighters are locked together in the Gulf of Mexico, about 80 miles south-east of Galveston, Texas, after a collision in thick fog on Monday night. The Boraima, 420 feet in length, is shown with her bow driven into the 382-foot Anzoategui. (AP radiophoto)

Western businessmen and East bloc join in business ventures

NEW YORK (AP). — Businessmen of the capitalist West and the communist governments of East Europe are getting together in increasing fifty-fifty per cent joint ventures that are now allowing U.S. companies to overcome the Marxist doctrine against private ownership in industry.

But the East Europeans still have to be careful of straying too far lest Moscow reprimand them, according to a survey of this developing trend published by "Business Week" magazine.

The magazine cited as prime U.S. entry into the joint ventures stakes Robert B. Anderson, Ltd. a New York-based company headed by former U.S. Treasury Secretary Anderson, which is negotiating to form a joint venture with Rumanian enterprises to drill for oil in the Black Sea. "The U.S. company hopes *eventually to finance and construct* refineries in Rumania," "Business Week" added.

The magazine's survey also noted that Tower International, Inc., a company set up by Cyrus Eaton, an American financier internationally known as a long-time advocate of closer U.S. ties with the Soviet bloc, is negotiating a $40m. investment in a new tyre plant in an East European country with technology supplied by a Western tyre manufacturer. Tower so far will not say which country is involved.

"The key to both these deals," says "Business Week," "is a new type of joint venture that sidesteps the Communist prohibition of private shares in industry. It is an arrangement whereby a Western company and a Communist state enterprise incorporate a fifty-fifty joint venture in a third — capitalist — country. The new entity then engages in certain kinds of business in both the East and the West. And it splits the profit."

Explaining this operation, "Business Week" said that Eaton's Tower International, which is based in Canada, proposes to set up its joint tyre venture in Switzerland. The Communist partner will own and operate the new plant, but the Swiss company will have the right to market its tyres anywhere outside the Communist bloc.

"This enables the East Europe country that wants the plant to earn hard western currency," explains Cyrus Eaton Jr., Tower's chairman. "Also, because of the low labour costs in Eastern Europe, the venture can sell tyres in the west cheaper than western companies can."

'Tax system should be overhauled to increase revenue'

A four-point plan which includes provision for a cut in income tax

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE best of our direct taxes is national insurance, which is relatively low and non-progressive. There were almost no complaints when it was raised substantially last year, said Prof. A. Berglass of Tel Aviv University at an economic symposium last week, sponsored by the Private Enterprise Movement. The PEM is associated with the Independent Liberal Party.

Israel's tax system must be overhauled to reduce its distorting impact on economic activity, and to increase revenue, Prof. Berglass said. Despite the large increase in tax revenue in the current year, still more may be required if defence expenditure does not decline, and if an effort is made to repay part of the swollen foreign debt, he felt.

He outlined four immediate fiscal targets:

- Replacement of most compulsory loans by taxes (since these loans are in any case considered taxes by most people, and their eventual repayment therefore works as a bonus which adds to people's purchasing power and is easily spent).
- Reduction of income tax rates to about their 1967 level (in order to cut marginal tax rates to a level tenable until there is a more far-reaching tax reform).
- Introduction of an added value tax.
- Scrapping of a substantial part of indirect taxes (which are now levied on a small number of commodities at very high rates).

Free of tax

Mr. Neudorfer, the Revenue Commissioner, admitted that one quarter of the potential income tax revenue is not collected because the respective income is free of tax (e.g. rent income from tenant-owned housing), and another quarter owing to various allowances (personal and professional), as a result of which tax rates on the rest of the income must be raised to an exorbitant level in order to yield the revenue required.

He also admitted that current tax rates adversely affect productivity and investments, and greatly impede tax collection. Nevertheless, Israel is considered among the world's top ten countries as regards tax morality, largely due to widespread tax deduction at source (nowhere applied to such a wide range of income sources), and to the stiff penalties imposed on tax evasion. However, the tax administration is structurally incapable of raising bigger revenue based on the present income tax system, Mr. Neudorfer said.

He expected the added value tax to come into effect in April 1972, and to replace most — if not all — the present property tax and stamp duties, as well as most of the excise duties and purchase tax, except for those portions of them which have the character of a luxury tax, such as on motor cars or cigarettes. He warned that the introduction of VAT will have to be accompanied by a great extension of tax personnel.

Proper management

Mr. Haim Laskov said not enough attention was being given to the problem of proper management, which implied changing things and achieving results, not keeping matters stable in spite of ever-changing circumstances. We should stop talking about "manpower," and start discussing issues of living men, he suggested. There was nothing wrong in a clash of interests between employees and management, provided issues are discussed and settled with due respect to the viability of the enterprise, he felt. The adverse affects of industrial accidents and absence from work were much more serious than strikes, Mr. Laskov said.

Prof. H. Ben-Shahar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Tel Aviv University, warned that the prevailing system of subsidies and multiple effective exchange rates might result in greater waste and losses than people expected. The economy might function smoothly for a time: but what mattered was the indirect and invisible impact. This would be most difficult to counteract if a wrong, warping monetary and credit system was maintained.

The right to sue for insurance

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on March 26, 1970 (in Motion 639/70).

In 1969 Yecheskiel Zion was killed while being driven home from work in a van owned by his employer, Assis Ltd. His heirs, the appellants in the present case, sued various persons and bodies, including the La Protectrice Insurance Co., with which the van was insured, for compensation to the amount of approximately IL25,000. They submitted, in their statement of claim, that the van was covered by a comprehensive insurance policy and not only by a third party risks policy.

The insurance company argued *that there was no privity between* them and the deceased as the accident had been a work accident, recognized as such by the National Insurance Institution, and was therefore not covered by third party risks insurance. The District Court dismissed the claim against the insurance company *in limine*, basing its decision on section 6(1)(b) of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance, as amended in 1967 and 1969.

Section 6(1)(b) of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance, 1947, before its amendment in 1967, provides that: "In order to comply with the *requirements* of this Ordinance, a policy of insurance must be a policy which insures such person, or persons or classes of persons as may be specified in the policy, in respect of any liability which may be incurred by him or them... provided that such a policy shall not be required to cover (1) liability in respect of the death arising out of and in the course of his employment of a person in the employment of a person insured by the policy..."

In the appeal against the District Court's decision, Mr. S. Ben Yaacov appeared for the appellants, and *Mrs. L. Eisenstein-Schechter for the* respondents.

Judgment

Justice Etzioni, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justices Sussman and Berinson concurring, held that the District Court had erred in relying on section 6(1)(b) of the Motor Vehicles Insurance Ordinance as amended in 1967 and 1969, as there was no disputing the fact that these amendments were not applicable to the case. The reason for this was that section 19 of the 1967 amendment law lays down that the law shall come into force "at the expiration of three *months from the date of* its publication in 'Reshumot'" with respect to all its provisions except those pertaining to section 9(1)(b), which would come into force "on the date prescribed by the Minister of Finance by order, but not later than two years from the date of publication of the Law in 'Reshumot.'" At the same time the accident occurred there was no valid order issued by the Minister of Finance.

Justice Etzioni then went on to consider the position with respect to section 6(1)(b) before the amendments. The respondents had attempted to persuade the court, he noted, that the case under consideration *falls within the exception* defined in the original section 6(1)(b), *as the accident had occurred* (the deceased's) employment," and "out of and in the course of his that as there had, therefore, been no statutory duty to insure against such a risk, it did not come within the obligations creating privity between the insurer and a third party according to section 10(1). However, in his opinion this whole question did not arise today in the light of the fact that section 10(1) was also amended in 1967 and this amendment, in contradistinction to that of section 6 of the Ordinance, came into force within three months of its being published in "Reshumot"—that is more than a year before the accident occurred — a fact which had escaped the attention of the District Court and opposing Counsel.

The amended section 10(1), Justice Etzioni went on to point out, lays down that "if judgment is given against an insured person in respect of the liabilities referred to in section 6(1)(b) and such liability is covered by insurance — whether such insurance was obligatory on the insured person or whether he was exempt therefrom... and whether such liability required cover or was exempt from cover," then the insurer shall pay to the persons entitled to the benefit of the judgment any sum payable thereunder in respect of the liability.

Furthermore, the amended section 10(2A) lays down that the provisions of section 10(1) shall not prevent the injured party from suing the insurer together with the insured person.

The amended section 10(1), he noted, had been introduced for the main purpose of giving the injured party the right to sue the insurer directly, not only in respect of such liability as a third party risks policy is required by law to cover, but also in respect of such liabilities against which there is no statutory duty to insure, but which have, nevertheless, been covered by a comprehensive insurance policy — thus removing the doubts created by the Supreme Court decision in C.A.259/60 (P.D. 15/619).

The amended section 10(2A), on the other hand, he continued, removed a similar doubt concerning the right of the injured party to sue the insurer, together with the insured, before judgment had been given against the latter (see C.A. 33/54, P.D. 8/427).

Returning to the case under consideration, Justice Etzioni concluded that as the appellants' statement of claim includes the argument that the tender in which the deceased had been killed had been insured under a comprehensive policy, there was no cause, in view of the fact that it is no longer important today whether the insurance be effected by virtue of a statutory duty or not, for dismissing the action against the insurers *in limine* for want of privity, and the appeal should, therefore, be allowed.

Appeal allowed with IL500 costs. Judgment given on December 22, 1970.

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before the Deputy President (Justice Sussman), Justices Berinson and Etzioni.
Nadja Zion and Others, Appellants v. La Protectrice Insurance Co., Respondents (C.A. 249/70).

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Readers' letters

RUSSIAN JEWRY: LEST WE FORGET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Russians have commuted two death sentences by shooting into the far more cruel sentences of fifteen years' hard labour, and already the intensity of our protests has been reduced to the occasional speech by politicians, the occasional newspaper leader. This will not do. We must find a way of keeping our own feelings from being numbed, of continually rousing world public opinion and of letting Russian Jewry and the Soviet Government know that the latter's inhumanity will be incessantly stigmatised in the eyes of the world.

It is not easy to maintain the intensity of our protest. I suggest that the municipalities of each town, village and kibbutz in Israel should organise regular public meetings so that our thoughts should be directed to the sufferings of our brothers in Russia. The world's news media should be invited to report on these expressions of our deep feelings.

JACOB FELTON

Tel Aviv, January 23.

ISRAEL SHOULD GET MANDATE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A positive response to Egypt's irrational demand for a Security Council meeting, if this meeting takes place, is for Israel to present a bold new challenge and request a United Nations mandate over the disputed areas until such time as reason reigns and the Arab States agree to negotiate in good faith. Other nations have been given mandates or protectorates under special circumstances. No one is in a better position than Israel to protect and administer these areas. I do not presume to believe Israel's request will be granted, but at the very least, this proposal will so startle the Arab States as to initiate new thinking, away from the worn-out record "withdraw, withdraw, withdraw," and serve as a new bargaining point.

MRS. MARK GERALD

Haifa, January 22.

FORGOTTEN MAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Swiss police officer, Mr. Paul Grueninger, who helped refugees from Nazism and was sacked, "scraped a bare living from various odd jobs" (January 21).

I think this state of affairs is a shame. Did the Swiss Jewish community not have enough means to help this man to a decent living? Is there no Jewish Agency, or no State of Israel or any other public body to make sure that those few men who dared to help Jews would find a better living than by looking for odd jobs? Has he ever been invited to come here? Are only former Nazis who could escape punishment allowed to live in comfort? Is there nobody to show this former police officer the gratitude of the Jewish people?

WERNER ISRAEL

Netanya, January 21.

Teachers work more hours at home than in school

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was deeply shocked by the recent declaration of Finance Minister Sapir, who opposed the teachers' pay rise on the grounds that "they work only 24 hours a week anyway." When a responsible Cabinet Minister, one who has great influence in deciding on teachers' salaries, makes such a statement, then perhaps this country deserves teachers who work in fact 24 hours a week only and not more.

I am a high-school teacher of English of high academic qualifications and wide teaching experience. I could easily, without any preparation, teach classes of any level. Nevertheless, I work at home as many, if not more, hours than I do at school. Only in this way can I do really good work: preparing lessons for next day so they should be interesting, clear and easily understood; preparing tests, typing them, then correcting and marking them. And most exhausting and nerve-racking of all, but the most useful for pupils, checking and correcting copybooks of homework.

I know many conscientious colleagues who do exactly as I do. And I also know a number of others who say that they are unhappy about having to neglect preparation for their school work because they are obliged, due to low salaries, to give private lessons. Many a teacher has told me these last months that if only the teachers are accorded their rightful and justified pay demands, they will no longer need to give private lessons but will be able to devote themselves whole-heartedly to their school work, which involves a great amount of work at home.

If Mr. Sapir does not even acknowledge the hours we work at home to do our job conscientiously, and is not prepared to pay for them, it would seem foolish for teachers to put in all that extra work. Let us just work 24 hours a week at school, as Mr. Sapir says we do, and not an hour more at home. The disastrous consequences, as far as the pupils' knowledge and progress are concerned, will be evident in a short time. Yet perhaps Mr. Sapir will not greatly care. According to his own admission, he is used to dealing in hard cash only, and in millions at that.

MRS. AGNES BARGES

Tel Aviv January 22.

IN DEFENCE OF THE J.D.L.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to take exception to the statement made by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld (January 15) regarding the "news catching" propensity of the J.D.L.

It might be of interest to the readers of *The Jerusalem Post* that the J.D.L. is responsible for the creation of the present protective unit consisting of Jews and Italians, under the auspices of the New York City Police Department. As such, it is very much appreciated by the law-abiding citizens in all boroughs, especially where the crime rate is high. Also, a great many Negroes in the heavily congested Crown Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant sections have set up a similar unit, in order to assist their own members.

Since the results of such and similar actions are of prime concern to those who benefit therefrom as well as to would-be law-abiding individuals to protect themselves from unnecessary muggers and worse, credit should be given where it is due.

YETTA B. SPEIGEL

Tel Aviv (New York), January 17.

OBNOXIOUS FLAG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Is it not time the Socialists of the world discarded the obnoxious red flag used as a national emblem by Soviet Russia and adopted something more symbolic of international brotherhood, say clasped hands encircling the globe?

REUBEN ROSE

Haifa, January 22.

PUTTING THE FACTS STRAIGHT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to your article "60th anniversary concert today" (January 19), may I point out that the late M. Hopenko did not marry the daughter of Hanina Karchevsky, for the simple reason that Karchevsky was a bachelor; moreover, at the time, he was too young to have a daughter of marriageable age. And again, the late Hanina Karchevsky was not the first music teacher of the Herzliya School. That post had first been occupied by the late Haim Mlman, who was followed by the late Kovalsky. Karchevsky came to the Herzliya School in 1909.

Hopenko married Lina, the daughter of the late Mordechai Krichevsky (Ezrahi), a well-known teacher of Jaffa and later Tel Aviv.

SH. YEIVIN

Jerusalem, January 20.



A statement ascribed to Rabbi Eliezer of Worms, the author of the book "Haroeah," says that if more than 300 kohanim recite the Priestly Blessing at Judaism's holiest place, some great good will be bestowed on the Jewish people. This old belief has recently gained new currency and on Tuesday, on the eve of the New Moon, thousands of Jews gathered at the Western Wall to carry out Rabbi Eliezer's suggestion. Apart from the more than 300 kohanim there were thousands of other worshippers, who gathered there solely on the strength of wall posters put up in the religious quarters at the initiative of Rabbi Mendel Gafner. Among the participants was Chief Rabbi Isser Unterman.

An additional reason for the prayer meeting is the approaching expiry date of the Suez cease-fire. Worshippers prayed that the war would not be renewed. The photograph shows the crowd of worshippers and the kohanim with their heads covered by the talit. (Photo Weiss)

MUSIC REVIEWS

Conductor contrasts

The Israel Chamber Ensemble. Subscription Concert No. 2. Conductor: Yoav Talmi; Soloists: Rahel Adonaylo, soprano; Alexander Tal and Yair Kless, violins. (Tel Aviv, Beit Hahsayal Jan. 17). Vaughan-Williams: Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis; Abel Ehrlich: The Writing of Hezekiah for Soprano and Chamber Orchestra; Bach: Concerto in D minor for two violins; Beethoven: "A Perfido" scene and Aria for soprano and orchestra; Mozart: Symphony No. 34 in C Major K. 338.

THE "Ensemble" now has two permanent conductors, Gary Bertini and Yoav Talmi. Mr. Talmi's delicate, sensitive approach is in sharp contrast to Bertini's more active dynamism, and this is likely to guarantee a varied interpretational approach.

In the "Fantasia" Mr. Talmi brought forth a mellow sound in the strings but Vaughan-Williams' composition is not particularly impressive.

The first and last movements of the Mozart Symphony were vigilant and brisk, competently phrased, with a clear interpretative outline. The slow movement, however, lacked tension and there was no real build-up.

The Bach Concerto got off to a confused start but the two soloists later stood up fully to their reputations. The slow movement especially pleased by its expressive simplicity. Nevertheless Mr. Tal's slightly exaggerated vibrato was not always in accord with Kless' cooler, more sober approach.

Dramatic Soprano Rahel Adonaylo demonstrated her great ability in Ehrlich's "The Writing of Hezekiah" and Beethoven's "A Perfido." Ehrlich creates a strange, detached atmosphere: Hezekiah, who pleads for his life with God, is torn between sad resignation and rebellion. The music follows the text and gives it a deeply moving interpretation. The words are thus important and Miss Adonaylo's inadequate diction was a serious shortcoming.

Brilliance in concerto

Concert by the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Dean Dixon; Soloist: Yahli Wagman, piano. (Tel Aviv, Beit Habima, Jan. 14) Weber: Passacaglia op. 1; Khatchaturian: Piano Concerto; Mozart: Symphony No. 40; De Falla: 3 Dances From "The Three Cornered Hat".

THE Habimah Theatre is unsuitable for a musical programme, stage trappings absorbing a considerable part of the sound. Furthermore, wind instruments and brass were so deep in back of the stage that sounds were further distorted.

All this may be an explanation for the subdued sound, but it was no excuse for the helplessly dragged tempi, lack of precise beat and anaemic musical content in the Mozart. "The Three Cornered Hat," in which the orchestra could have shown its rhythmic muscles, remained flat too.

The orchestra was not to blame. On the contrary, intonation was good.

Despite the shallowness and superficiality of Khatchaturian's concerto, Yahli Wagman gave it grand treatment, with a fully radiant tone and sharp lucidity of phrasing. Mr. Wagman's virtuosity made the concerto a brilliant event.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

SOCCER

Clash of giants

By GIDEON HOD

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There is no question as to which is this week-end's "match of the day." Indeed, considering what is at stake, the clash between National League leaders Netanya Maccabi and their closest challengers, Tel Aviv Hapoel, is the match of the season.

The rest of Saturday's very interesting 15th round of games — which marks the half-way stage of the 1970-71 season — will certainly be eclipsed by the clash in Netanya. A capacity crowd of 10,000 is expected, with many fans unable to obtain tickets.

With 21 goals to their credit, Hapoel's forwards have been the most successful of any National League club this season. Ranged against them will be a defence which so far has conceded only five goals, the lowest number in the current campaign.

However, with neither side in top form these days, and nerves likely to affect players, this eagerly-anticipated clash at the top could turn out to be a flop. Our money is on a draw, with the edge going to Netanya Maccabi because their line-up includes the brilliant Spiegler.

Tel Aviv 'derby'

Third-placed Shimshon have a hard match at Bloomfield against Tel Aviv Maccabi and a draw seems the most likely outcome of this "derby." Local teams also clash in Petah Tikva, where Hapoel — fourth in the table and 10 places above their struggling Maccabi rivals — should manage to pick up both points and thus maintain their challenge to the leaders.

The remaining matches in brief: Haifa Hapoel should win against visiting Bnei Yehuda; Jerusalem Hapoel, back home after their fortnight's "exile," should do likewise against Tel Aviv Betar; unlucky Hadera Hapoel receive Jerusalem Betar, with the Jerusalemites perhaps achieving a draw; Hakoah and Kfar Saba Hapoel also look like sharing the points in Ramat Gan; and Holon Hapoel seem overdue for a rare victory and could manage this at Bloomfield at the expense of Haifa Maccabi.

Finally a reminder: with the lengthening days, kick-off times revert to 2.30 p.m., from this Saturday, with earlier matches starting at 12.30 in cases where there are two fixtures on the same ground.

Youth club in memory of soldier



Oren Moushine

BEIT Oren, built in memory of Oren Moushine, who fell in the Six Day War, will be formally opened in Tel Aviv this afternoon. The building is a youth club, constructed in the problem-ridden Nevei Sharett quarter. Oren's father, David Moushine, recalls: "When my son saw a youth club constructed in Zahala, he wrote a letter of protest, published in 'Ha'aretz,' because he sensed that the need was greater in Nevei Sharett near the site of the old *ma'abara* Yad Ha'Maavir.

"Oren believed in working with under-privileged youth, and joined the Noar le'Noar movement for that purpose." He was a Segen-Mishne in the parachutists, and was killed during the occupation of Khan Yunis.

The family decided to put Oren's idea to execution. The Tel Aviv Municipality agreed to supply the land free and finance half the costs, which turned out to be IL400,000 in all. A public committee was set up comprising Ora Namir, Ruth Dayan, Haim Herzog, two members of the municipality, Yitzhak Oren and Avigdor Pugatshov, and members of the Moushine family.

Contributions came from all quarters, often in kind (like cement and other building materials, offered as a donation). The architects, Gideon and Tova Ziv, and engineers worked without a fee. The Variety Club made a gift for sports equipment.

Oren's mother, Doris Moushine, will cut the ribbon at today's ceremony. The family intend to go on working for the improvement of Beit Oren. Next target: a library, they say.

D. K.

KEEPING POSTED

OUR distinguished colleague Gerald Kaufman, who writes in the London "Jewish Chronicle," has discovered that here in Israel we eat like people abroad drink.

Shlomo Hillel, Israel's Minister of Police, told me recently that he knew of no traffic accident in his country which had been caused by a motorist driving under the influence of excessive alcohol.

He omitted to say how many accidents had been caused by motorists driving under the influence of too much food.

Mr. Hillel was eating peanuts at the time of the interview.

During his last visit he was fed not only in private houses he visited but discovered the food phenomenon in government offices.

At the Prime Minister's Office I was served with Turkish coffee; at the Jewish Agency it was tea with lemon; at the Ministry of Development (Mr. Haim Gvati is Minister of Agriculture as well as Development.) I had tea with milk and assorted biscuits; at the Ministry of Finance, coffee and pretzels; at a kibbutz headquarters, Turkish coffee and chocolate wafers; at the Histadrut, grapefruit segments in syrup.

At a non-government office he was surprised at being asked what he would like to drink. He wondered whether it would cause a major incident if he were to ask for something alcoholic. "But I was saved from myself. Tea was brought in. It must have been ready all the time."

What was he thinking of? We recall getting only tea after a long and exhausting visit to the famous Wine Cellars at Rishon. It is quite a number of years ago now, and they may have changed their ways since.

Mr. Kaufman has a theory that all this eating is due to the over-narrow geographical waist-line from which this country suffered for so many years: in a natural reaction, Israelis pad their own. Curiously enough some of this thought is echoed in a letter from an American Jewish cowboy, Jacob Menschel, who came here to give a special course in the care of cattle and never left again. This is the letter he wrote to his sister in California just before he died:

"Dear Sister, — In response to your inquiry about the status of my Affaires de Coeur, I must confess that shortly after my arrival here I met a young "Sabra" — an extremely beautiful young lady. Generally speaking, I think you could call her rather dark of complexion. Eyes the same. Figure beautiful; perhaps a bit smaller in the waist than I would like to see her. However, far more important, her mind and intellect are beyond anything I have ever seen in a young lady. She is possessed of the wisdom of the ancients, such as can be found in the Old Testament. Her knowledge of Western culture surpasses mine. She speaks, reads, and writes many languages. She is energetic and vicacious with just enough sophistication to make her delightful. When you meet her, and know her, I am sure you too will fall in love with her. I intend to spend the rest of my life with her. Her name is Israel."

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EVEN the children prepare themselves for a life-time of eating. A father in Tel Aviv says his five-year-old son hates shops and stayed outside looking at shoes in a window while his mother was trying on clothes next door. Presently he came in with a glint in his eye, and a young woman holding his hand. "Here is my mother," said the boy. "Where is the chocolate?" The woman had observed the little boy, all alone, as it seemed to her, and asked him what he was doing there on his own.

"I am buying shoes." — "Where is your mother?" — "I don't want to tell you." — The kind-hearted woman thought he might be lost or neglected, and offered to buy him a bar of chocolate if he would say where his mother was. So he decided to do her a big favour after all, and took her along to his mother.

When she came back with the piece of chocolate, he asked. "Perhaps you would like to know where my father is, too?"

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A WOMAN who is working hard at her ulpan to keep up with her grandchildren says she was sitting in the park doing her written homework. Four children sat down on the bench near her and began to debate what she might be doing. One of them and she was writing. Another: "And she writes beautifully, just like we did in first grade."

Today's contributors include Zoltan Gruen and E. Scharfenberg, Tel Aviv.

Appeal for

maximum flexibility in the peace talks

and a courageous peace initiative

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   This gives a good chance for the continuation of the cease-fire and for the start of a dialogue towards a peace agreement.

2. The Government should adopt a broad political initiative and propose a courageous peace plan based on the Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967, which calls for a just and durable peace within secure and recognized borders and condemns the annexation of territories as the result of war.

3. The Movement condemns the current settling of the administered areas, which can only hinder the peace negotiations, and demands that it be discontinued.

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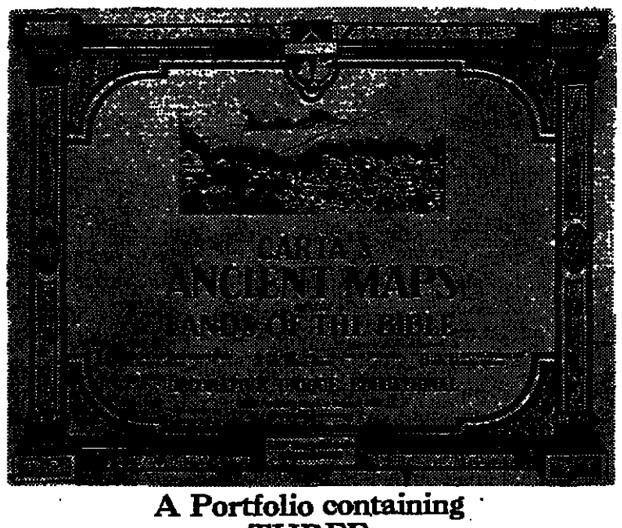
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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Jordan's negative reply to Jarring

Hatzofe (National Religious) comments on Jordan's reply to U.N. Envoy Gunnar Jarring: "There seems to be an ever-increasing Arab tendency to frustrate Dr. Jarring's mission from the outset. The fact that they persist in demanding a total withdrawal from all the territories, may herald a deadlock in the talks."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam): "Jordan's reply might serve as the beginning of a war of words, and of publication and counter-publication of notes, which would cause the ultimate aim to be forgotten — namely, the striving for talks on essential matters."

Ha'aretz (non-party), deals with the situation in the Gaza Strip and warns against employing methods which, while their efficiency is not assured, will certainly deepen hatred for Israel: "One should not believe the lies of enemy propaganda. However, even if we disregard them, the impression emerges that of late we have not been scrupulous at all times and in every place in maintaining rules of conduct which ought to characterise an orderly regime, even under circumstances of extreme provocation."

Davar (Histadrut) recalls that in her trade relations with Rumania, Israel agreed to certain deals where it was clear that she would be the loser, as well as to concessions in the sphere of tourism. The paper calls for a change of policy "especially in view of the fact that the balance of trade is weighted in favour of Rumania."

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News: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, and 12.00 p.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
11.15 a.m. Broadcasts for Pupils. 11.41 Songs and Melody. 12.05 Musical Introduction: Berezovsky: Overture. 12.15 Programme for Pupils. 12.35 "In Solitude with . . ." The Pianist Varda Nishri. 1.05 Operatic Excerpts — Excerpts from "Nabucco" by Verdi with Tito Gobi, Elena Sollotin and Carlo Cava; Conductor: Lamberto Gardelli. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 Close Down.
5.05 p.m. Programme Announcements. 5.08 The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra recorded . . . Conductor Mendi Rodan — Paul Ben Haim: 3 Songs without Words (Soloist: Shimon Mishori — Violin); Copland: "Appalachian Spring".
5.40 Programme for High School Puplis. 6.05 Announcements. 6.10 Abba Kobner's "Face to Face." 6.45 Book Review. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.10 "This Day" — People and Events in the News. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu, chaps. 53 and 54. 8.00 Tonight's Programmes. 8.10 This Week at the Knesset. 8.45 "In Words and in Tunes" — Music by Schubert presented by Anat Bretter — Soprano and the Pianist Gideon Rosengarten — 3 Songs from Goethe's "Faust"; Zuleika-Songs from "West Oestlicher Divan"; Sonata in A-minor, Op. 42; 3 Songs to words by Goethe: 1) "Liebhaber in allen Gestalten"; 2) "Ganymed"; 3) "Der Musensohn". 9.45 Adult Education. 10.06 "Projector." 10.45 "Choirs" — Conductor: Maya Shavit. 11.05 "Music on a Theme" — a programme produced by Paul Landau — "Betrayal" — Stravinsky: 3 pieces from "The Rake's Progress" (Conductor: The Composer); Monteverdi: Excerpt from "L'Incoronazione di Poppea (Conductor: Rudolf Eberhard); Bach: Excerpts from "Matthaeus Passion" (Conductor: Karl Richter); Shostakovitz: Excerpts from the Opera "Katharina Ismailova" (Soloists, Choir and Orchestra of the Music Theatre of Moscow); Janacek: "The Death of Andrey" from "Taras Bulba" (Conductor: Vaclav Talich). 12.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
Commercial Programme
6.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 7.05 Press Review. 7.15 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 10.45 Housewife's Corner. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 2.03 Press Review. 2.10 Where to Go. 2.35 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.30 Daily Science. 3.35 This is Rivka Michaeli (cont.). 40.7 Sing a Song. 4.30 Quiz by Shmuel Rosen. 4.35 Sing a Song. (cont.). 5.05 New Records. 6.05 "Mixed Notes." 6.40 Sport. 6.49 The Small Ad. Corner. 6.59 Close Down.
9.05 What Do You Say Son? (repeat). 9.50 Light Music. 10.05 "Everything on the Light." 10.54 Light Music. 11.05 Good Night. 12.05 Close Down.

FOURTH PROGRAMME
443, 407 and 297 M.
News in English: 7.00 a.m. 1.30 and 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.15 a.m. 2.00 and 8.45 p.m.
Arabic Programme: 5.58-7.00 a.m.; 7.30-8.00 a.m.: 10.58 a.m.-1.30 p.m.; 2.30-8.30 p.m.: 9.00 p.m.-12.15 a.m.
ENGLISH PROGRAMMES:
1467 and 282, 443, 42 M.
737, 1025, 677, 7150 kHz.)
7.00 a.m. News and Israel Press Review. 1.30 p.m. Jerusalem Calling — News and Sound Pictures of Life in Israel. 8.30 Newsdesk — News and Newsreel.
English broadcast from Jerusalem to Europe and United Kingdom:

INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION
PROGRAMME
7.50 Science 6. 8.15 Arithmetic (1st series.). 9.10 Arithmetic (2nd series). 9.35 Kindergartens. 10.00 Geometry 9. 10.25 Physics 7. 11.00 Algebra 10. 11.25 Arithmetic 5. 12.00 Biology 9. 12.30 Mathematics 8. 1.35 Il Donne ses Croissants aux Oiseaux. 2.30 Technology 9. 4.30 Geometry 9. 4.50 English 10 — Waiting for Tom. 5.05 Face to Face with Prof. Zvi Yavetz. 5.25 L'Antiquité.

ISRAEL TELEVISION
SERVICE
Children's Programme (Hebrew). 6.00 p.m. "Headlines and Margins." Arabic Programme: 6.30 p.m. "Hollywood and the stars." Tonight: Funny Men (part 2). 6.55 Circus. 7.00 News. 7.15 Projector.
Hebrew Programme: 7.30 p.m. The Count of Monte Cristo. 8.00 Mabat. 8.20 "Moreshet." — The Saloniki Community. 8.35 "Moked." 9.15 Entertainment with Andy Williams (3rd programme). 9.55 News.

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31.17 M. — 9625 kHz
2115 — 2130 GMT
32.5 M. — 9660 kHz
To Africa:
2045 — 2100 GMT
32.5 M. — 9660 kHz

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew: Weekly Newsreel. Hebrew Lesson. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 225 and 235 M.
11.00 a.m. Request Programme. 11.15 From the Hebrew Hit Parade. 11.30 Lunchtime Guest. 12.00 News. 12.05 Requests (cont.). 12.10 The Practical Joke Corner. 12.15 Requests (cont.). 12.30 Our Critic. 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News. 1.05 Hebrew Songs. 1.30 Armies of the Nations. 1.35 Hebrew Songs (cont.). 1.55 Announcements for Soldiers. 2.00 News. 2.05 Close Down.
2.57 p.m. Opening. 3.00 News. 3.05 "Please Call" — with Yehuda Barkan. 4.00 News. 4.05 "Please Call" (cont.). 4.50 A true Story. 5.00 News. 5.05 Bow and Arrow. 5.40 Zahal's Diary. 6.00 News. 6.05 Tonight — Studio No. 2. 7.00 News. 7.10 From Him to You — Special Requests. 8.00 News. 8.10 Star of the Hit Parade. 8.30 Everything is relative. 9.00 News. 9.05 Noam Sheriff Interprets Classical Music. 10.00 News. 10.05 Tonight — with Yosef Lapid. 11.00 News. 11.05 Tonight (cont.). 12.00 News. 12.05 a.m. Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA
238 M. (Medium Wave)
5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show (News, Music, Topical Reports and Features). 9.00 News and Topical Reports. 9.15 Special English Feature.
4.00 p.m. News in Special English. 4.15 Special English Feature. 4.30 The NOW Sound. 5.00 Report to South Asia. 6.00 News in Special English. 6.15 Special English Feature. 11.00 Report to the Middle East, Africa and Europe. 12.00 News in Special English. 12.15 Special English Feature. 12.30 Music U.S.A. (Popular). 1.00 a.m. News and Topical Reports. 1.15 Music U.S.A. (Jazz). 2.00 Close Down.

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IL195m. spent on smokes last year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Israel's cigarette addicts last year let IL195m. go up in smoke, IL26m. more than in 1969. Their number has reached 1.9m. and the average Israel smoker spent IL103 on his habit last year. These figures were cited yesterday by the Tobacco Marketing Council.

However, the area on which local tobacco is grown has shrunk in the last two years from 40,000 to 26,000 dunams, and the crop from 2,000 to 1,200 tons. This was due to the demand for American cigarettes which has reduced sales of the local Oriental varieties.

The sharp rise in the price of American cigarettes may change the picture.

Meanwhile, Galilee farmers are experimenting with American-type leaf, as farmers in Greece and Turkey have been doing.

Alignment blocks bid for compulsory arbitration in labour disputes

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Labour-Mapam Alignment yesterday put out a three-line whip to defeat a private member's draft bill on compulsory arbitration in labour disputes.

Gahal's Zalman Abramov had suggested in his bill that 21 days' notice should be given for a labour dispute, while the Labour Relations Officer should be *obliged* to arbitrate, instead of merely *entitled*, to as at present.

The Histadrut's impotence today, in the face of wildcat strikes, was plain for all to see. The vacuum created in labour relations by that impotence must be filled by legislation, Mr. Abramov urged.

Labour Minister Yosef Almogi replied that countries which had compulsory arbitration laws, such as Australia, also had more strikes. Most of the strikes in Israel, he noted, were in the public services, where the Labour Relations Officer's writ did not run (though he planned to amend legislation accordingly soon). "I would like to replace the Civil Service Regulations by a collective labour contract," he observed, adding that the replacement of the Ottoman legislation which currently governed the operation of the Histadrut might help clear the air around a number of complicated problems.

RAFI REBELS

The Labour-Mapam Alignment mobilised 32 votes (along with the Ha'olam Hazeh and the Communists) to defeat the bill, against 17 votes of Gahal, the State List and the Agudat Israel. The abstainers included, not only the National Religious Party and the Independent *Liberal Party, but also two Labour* rebels — Mordechai Ben-Porat and Mordechai Surkiss — both ex-Rafi. Mr. Ben-Porat told *The Jerusalem Post* later in the lobby, that Rafi had always campaigned for similar compulsory arbitration. "Anyway, I don't believe in sacred cows," he added.

The massive Labour whip against arbitration brought out double the attendance that had come to the faction the night before, to hear Premier Golda Meir and Minister-without-Portfolio Israel Galili talk about Soviet Jewry.

IN THE KNESSET

F.M. sure of British support

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban assured the Knesset yesterday that Britain would not back a move to change Security Council resolution 242 of November 22, 1967, which it regarded as the basis of its policy, and a suitable foundation for clarifying peace prospects.

Mr. Eban told Mr. Reuven Arzi (Alignment-Mapam) that Britain wanted the Middle East negotiations to leave Israel with borders inside which it would feel as secure as it feels behind the cease-fire lines. The Minister praised Britain for its positive aid during the Leningrad trial, and for its encouragement of Dr. Jarring's principle of quiet diplomacy.

The Foreign Minister told Mr. Avraham Werdiger (Poale Aguda) that he was not aware of any agreement between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. about a Middle East peacekeeping force, a proposal which has no validity anyway, without Israel's agreement. Peace will be promoted more if Russian forces leave the region, than if more of them come in. Since the decolonization of the Middle East was completed, the Soviet Union is the only outside power to maintain troops on Middle East soil. If there are any more serious ideas, about peace-keeping forces, than the ones raised in the press, the parties ought to exchange views about them, via Dr. Jarring, before they are published, he recommended. But peace borders must first be established before they can be strengthened by additional agreements.

Replying to Dr. Moshe Sneh (Communists) who suggested that the Israel envoy in Copenhagen had avoided a chance to meet a Russian diplomat, the Minister said the contrary was true. "We took trouble to make it known to the Soviet Union, that we were ready to make contacts with its representatives."

In other replies, the Minister said:

The draft law about giving offence to heads of foreign states, their families, and senior office-holders in their countries, is in line with accepted international practice (to Mr. Shalom Cohen — Ha'olam Hazeh);

The Advisory Committee on information, which meets regularly, has made an important contribution to information policy, techniques, and actual dissemination, and its members have said that Israel's image has improved in world opinion, partly as a result of political moves taken by the Government, and partly as a result of an intensified drive (to Mrs. Shoshana Arbeli — Alignment);

Although the Japanese Government has condemned the boycott of Israel by some Japanese firms, it has not found a possibility to end it. However, trade between Japan and Israel is developing, and could be expanded considerably more (to Mrs. Arbeli).

Free travel for ex-Speaker, but not car with driver

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Mr. Kadish Luz, the former Knesset Speaker, will no longer be entitled to the use of a large American-made car and a driver standing by, at his kibbutz, Degania, for his transport needs. In practice, he gave both up some weeks ago.

The Knesset House Committee decided yesterday that this privilege was superfluous. Former Speakers, it ruled, may now get their travel expenses paid on demand, without receipts, instead of having car and driver permanently available.

One of the Tel Aviv dailies drew attention to the former privilege during a public stir last year about extravagantly expensive cars for Ministers.

According to regulations, former Presidents, Prime Ministers and Speakers all have the right to a car and driver at State expense. But Mr. Luz was so upset at the public stir that he returned his car. There was no problem about the driver, as he was a kibbutz member. But Mr. Luz' move inspired the House Committee to change the regulations, with the aim of saving money.

The saving has not been entirely achieved yet, however. Mr. Luz had a newer car than Speaker Reuven Barkatt. When he returned it, Mr. Barkatt was asked if he wanted to dispose of his (three-year-old) vehicle and use Mr. Luz'. Mr. Barkatt declined, on the grounds that it would not look right to have a new car in these difficult times. So Mr. Luz' former car has to stay without a taker for the time being — and reputations for economy were preserved all round.

Public officials win seniority promotion

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A two-year wage agreement for the public service was signed in Jerusalem yesterday, covering the period April 1970, to March 1972. It offers prospects of wage improvement for 150,000 staff members in the civil service, the local authorities, the Histadrut, the national institutions and associated bodies — without any formal infraction of the package-deal, and without imposing an undue strain on the current Budget, official spokesman say.

The chief innovation is the extension to administrative personnel of the principle adopted by the professionals (and much disliked by *experts* in business administration) of automatic promotion. The top grade in the civil service is 20, and the bottom grade (in practice) is three. Under the new arrangement, all persons in grades three to 14 will be upped a rank after five years (a once-only promotion of this type is allowed, from a job grade to a personal grade.)

Senior officials in grades 15 to 20 will, after six years, get 75 per cent of the difference in pay with the next grade up.

A second change is an increase in the seniority pay. The period of yearly increments is widened from 10-15 years to 20 years, starting from next April. The allowance for *each year will be increased by* IL2-IL5 a month, from IL8-IL12 to IL10-IL17. This change will be introduced in two phases, the first on April 1 next, the second on April 1, 1972.

Senior officials in the public service will get a professional literature allowance, ranging up to IL366 a year, and overtime pay for specially demanding jobs (starting from the 16th hour per month) — as was granted to the professionals earlier this year.

The spokesman of the Civil Service Commission draws attention to the fact that the benefits accruing to the top grades were achieved without the use of special actions committees, through the normal apparatus of trade union negotiation. Signatories for the workers were the Civil Servants Union and the Clerical Workers Union.

Promotion this year will involve "a few thousand persons — and fewer next year," the spokesman stated, referring to the civil service only. As to the extra pay in top grades, only 300 officials have the requisite six years' seniority at the moment, he added.

Peres says better labour relations can improve Posts

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Communications Minister Shimon Peres came under a sharp attack in the Knesset yesterday, during debates on motions for the agenda about the snags in mail deliveries, which were voted with his consent to the Economic Committee. Mr. Peres reacted to sarcastic comments and probing criticism from Rabbi Menahem Porush (Agudat Israel) and Haim Corfu (Gahal) with some scathing rejoinders of his own, in a tone of obvious annoyance.

The two movers poked fun at the Communications Ministry's new name, and at the idea of exchanging the stag on the symbol of the former Posts Ministry for something more up-to-date. They talked about bombastic predictions of technological advance, and calculated the speed of letters in metres-per-day.

BADLY PAID

The Minister explained that the work was so underpaid, that it could not attract the sort of manpower required to improve services, especially during a labour shortage. The key to progress was by fostering better labour relations, Mr. Peres said, revealing that he regularly held two meetings a week with Communications Ministry staffs, to get to know them and their problems. The mail deliveries, and work at the Post Office counters, are two big obstacles, he noted.

The improvement of labour relations was not a matter of weeks, and perhaps not even six months, Mr. Peres said. It was slow, but it would come. In addition, machines must be introduced to save labour; zoning and standard envelopes must be introduced to save time, buildings must be renovated to heighten efficiency, and earnings must be boosted — either by norm pay, or by turning the delivery men into a cooperative.

Mr. Peres reminded the House that the past four months had seen him distracted by the problems of the ports and aviation accidents. He let it be understood that now he was working full-steam on reorganising the Communications Ministry, and having a tough job of it.

M.K.s to take up air pollution

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Four Opposition factions hurled an anti-pollution broadside at Health Minister Victor Shemtov in the Knesset yesterday, accusing his department, and many others, of negligence in the field of pollution. Mr. Shemtov took the criticism coolly enough, welcoming the opportunity to have the motions discussed in Committee, and suggesting that the Public Services Committee get together with the Interior Committee, over the full text of the Chass report on air pollution, which stole the headlines recently.

The problems of sewage, garbage and pollution must be approached in a planned manner, if progress is to be made in the field of environmental health, Mr. Shemtov said. The Los Angeles ecological expert, Mr. Robert Chass, was invited over in order to criticise, and the Health Ministry is very glad of his criticism.

The expert confirmed what the Health Ministry had always said that pollution from vehicles in Tel Aviv was more urgent than pollution from the Reading Four power station.

Mr. Shemtov accused the press, radio and TV of misquoting Mr. Chass, who had said that Tel Aviv was worse off than Los Angeles — not because of actual exhaust pollution, but because Tel Aviv had no curbs on such pollution from cars, while Los Angeles did have. Mr. Shemtov complained that nobody quoted the expert's remark, that Tel Aviv was *better off* than Los Angeles as regards supervision of chimney pollution.

The motions were presented by Messrs. Yosef Tamir (Gahal), Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh), Eliezer Shostak (Free Centre) and Moshe Sneh (Communist.)

Youth counsellors out on the street

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

There was Black Panther talk in the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

The occasion was a report on the depressed status of the youth counsellors employed to the local authorities to keep youngsters off the streets and busy in the clubs after school hours.

The Committee was officially told by Ministry heads that, of the 4,000 youth counsellors in the country, only 274 had permanent posts, and the rest were being continually dismissed after a few months' work, or employed on an irregular part-time basis.

"No wonder the Panthers are growling," was one comment.

The Ministry heads said the local authorities were responsible for the trouble — but no representative of the local authorities attended the Committee session.

50,000 WOMEN READY TO WORK

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Encouragement and incentives could make another 50,000 women take jobs and thus ease the manpower shortage, according to Labour Ministry Director-General Yosef Gurel, in the Knesset Labour Committee yesterday.

Committee chairman Shoshana Arbeli said the Treasury was really penalising taxpaying husbands whose wives took jobs, because it was increasing their tax rates. She demanded that the Treasury allow a tax-free deduction of IL800 annually for each child of a working mother. The Treasury plans to raise the present IL250 deduction to IL500 next year.

Merchant fleet to double in next four years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The country's merchant fleet, up to almost three million tons deadweight at the end of 1970, will double its tonnage by 1975, with oil tankers and container ships a substantial part of the growth, the Transport Ministry's Director-General, Mr. Ramon Harel, announced yesterday.

At a press conference at the Israel Shipping Research Institute here, Mr. Harel said that the gross investment in *the merchant fleet*, $400m. today, would advance by another $600m. during the next five years. "Orders already placed for new ships total two million tons. The income of the merchant marine was IL650m. last year."

As to the growth of the dry cargo volume (excluding fuel) passing through the country's ports, Mr. Harel gave last year's total volume as 7.5 m. tons, and the forecast for 1975 as 11 m. to 12 m. tons, of which nearly half would be general cargo, a large percentage of it unitized.

The Ministry is about to conclude an agreement with the shipping industry on the creation of a unitized manpower training authority which will take charge of training crews for the merchant fleet. This task is now divided among several agencies. Vocational schools for boys up to 18 will not come under the new authority.

Incode meat back on sale

Canned meat, manufactured by Incode is currently being marketed by the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the Government Press Office announced yesterday.

The meat is being sold in unlimited quantities to wholesalers, supermarkets and other outlets in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba at the wholesale price of IL2.30 per 450 gm. can.

ELECTRICITY FOR GOLAN VILLAGES

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Druse in four Golan villages yesterday celebrated the introduction of electricity. The Military Governor, Aluf-Mishne Shmuel Dotan, and Druse leader Sheikh Suleiman Kandj, took part in the ceremony. The project cost IL2m., which was contributed by the Development Ministry and the Military Government. A total of 32 kilometres of power lines and 850 poles were erected to bring electricity to 710 homes.

For the time being, the source is a local generator, but the network conforms with Israel Electric Corporation specifications, so that it can be linked later to the national grid.

Wife killer gets life in prison

HAIFA. — A woman's complaints that her husband was not trying hard enough to support his family... his ire at her refusal to get him a cup of coffee... a kitchen knife... and 35-year-old Yosef Lutgi was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife Haya by stabbing her in their Kfar Ata home last September.

The couple, married eight years, had two children, one four years old and the other six months. For a long time relations between husband and wife were strained, with Mrs. Lutgi constantly charging her husband with neglecting to fulfil his obligation to support her and the children.

In the District Court here yesterday, Lutgi told Judges E. Slonim, A. Friedman and Mrs. L. Fortuna that he had come home from his work at Tnuva one afternoon and asked his wife to make him a cup of coffee. When she refused, he took a kitchen knife into his hand. The couple began to wrestle and, trying to pull the knife out of her husband's hand, Mrs. Lutgi was stabbed.

The judges listened to Lutgi's statement, but noted that in his statement to the police he had not mentioned any struggle. They also rejected his argument that he had lost his head after his wife had nagged him; they held that he was used to her nagging.

According to the Court, intent to kill had been proved, and Lutgi was sentenced to life in prison. *(Itim)*

Fire in Jerusalem night club

Jerusalem police are looking for two young hooligans in connection with a fire that was set early Tuesday morning in the Bacchus nightclub in the Capital. The bar and several pieces of furniture were destroyed.

Police believe the alleged arsonists broke in the back door with the express purpose of setting fire to the bar. Nothing was stolen.

One of the owners, Mr. Amnon Saban, told them he thought the culprits were two hooligans who were thrown out early in the night when they tried to come in without paying. *(Itim)*

40 years for organizing bombing at bus terminal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA. — A high-ranking terrorist — the man responsible for organizing last November's double bombing in the Tel Aviv Central Bus Terminus — was sentenced yesterday in a military court to 40 years' imprisonment.

He is Rubhi Hadr Abu Humus, 25, from the village of Issawiya, near Jerusalem. He was convicted of membership in the Fatah and in the Popular Liberation Forces, recruiting terrorists, planning acts of sabotage in Israel and supplying the means with which to carry them out.

A member of his Issawiya-based cell — Sa'id Abu Farah, of Baka el-Gharbiyeh — was sentenced to 30 years in jail recently for planting the two bombs that killed two persons and injured 34 others in the Tel Aviv bus station.

Abu Humus, who joined the Fatah in 1968, was also responsible for the two grenade attacks at the Gazelle (Hatzvi) and Sea Dolphin restaurants in East Jerusalem last year. Twenty-two persons were injured in those incidents.

In Gaza yesterday, a 22-year-old member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was sentenced to 12 years in jail for throwing a grenade at an Army patrol in Deir el-Ballah. He is Abdul Majid Ismail, who carried out his one-man attack on March 7 last — the anniversary of the day the Egyptians returned to the Gaza Strip in 1957. Ismail was at the Deir el-Ballah boys' high school on that day, when an Army patrol came to check. He opened the gate for the patrol and locked it behind them. After the soldiers came back out of the school and into the closed courtyard, he threw a grenade into their midst. One soldier was injured.

The judge, Rav-Seren Nehemia Guttman, gave him 10 years for membership in the P.F.L.P. and 12 years for the grenade attack, to be served concurrently. Segen Yigal Gagin prosecuted while Ismail was represented by a local advocate, Mr. Fayez Abu Rahmeh, a Gaza lawyer.

Acre man jailed as Syrian spy

HAIFA. — A three-man District Court here yesterday sentenced Hassan Muhammed Younis, the Acre publisher, to 10 years' imprisonment for his part in a spying operation for the Syrian intelligence services.

Younis, 36, was arrested last September and charged with maintaining contact with a foreign agent and conspiring to collect and transmit information of value to the enemy with the intent of harming the State.

Younis' arrest came a year after that of his employer, Ghazi Kamal Sa'adi, who was sentenced on February 4 to 12 years in jail for spying for Syria.

The Court was composed of Judges E. Slonim, A. Friedman and Mrs. L. Fortuna. *(Itim)*

Fashions to the Florentines

LOD AIRPORT. — A group of 21 leaders of the Israel fashion industry flew to Florence yesterday, to display their autumn-winter (1971/72) line before Italian and American buyers.

The display, which starts today, will continue until February 3 at the Villa Medici Hotel. The Israel contingent is headed by Mrs. Ruth Kimmel, director of the Fashion Centre in the Export Institute. *(Itim)*

CURRENCY in circulation dropped this week by IL21,725.29 to stand at IL1,355m. Of this, IL152m. is covered by gold reserves, the Bank of Israel announced last night.

THE MOSHAV Movement Secretariat yesterday recorded its opposition to the request of the Afula Local Council to extend its jurisdiction to a tract of land belonging to Balfouria Village. The township reportedly wants to covert the 800 dunams of farmland into an industrial zone.

Gigi Peres claims Gardner broke promise to vacate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The battle over the penthouse at 93 Rehov Ha'universita in Ramat Aviv continued yesterday, as Mr. Gershon ("Gigi") Peres, director of the Edgar construction company, accused Mr. Leo Gardner, a newcomer from the U.S., of a series of misrepresentations.

Last week, Mr. Gardner accused Mr. Peres of using strong-arm tactics to force him out of the flat after he had invested a considerable amount of money in it. The case is now in court.

Mr. Peres told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the six-room, 200-square-metre penthouse flat was *built for Joe Lewo of Montreal.* Mr. Lewo put down $30,000 towards the purchase price, and the flat was to have been turned over to him when all payments had been made. At this point, therefore, Mr. Peres and Edgar still own the flat.

Mr. Peres further claims that he allowed Mr. Gardner to move in on a temporary basis, "as a non-paying guest." He said Mr. Gardner had promised to leave as soon as asked and had submitted proper guarantees to that effect.

Mr. Peres charged that the Gardners had tapped electricity from other installations without going through the formality of installing a meter; they had done the same with the water supply. Mr. Peres *therefore ordered* the water and electricity to be cut off immediately, "since to take either power or water without making proper arrangements with the Electric Corporation or with the Municipality is a criminal offence. Since I own the flat, I could be liable."

Not only did the Gardners not pay rent, he charged, they also neglected to pay the IL75 a month to the house committee (for cleaning and running the elevator) and the municipal rates, which are about IL120 a month.

Mr. Peres admitted that he had had the doors and windows torn out of the flat. "For it is my flat. I wanted to force them out."

Mr. Gardner claimed Peres violated a court order cancelling the eviction, which had been ordered earlier. Asked about this, Mr. Peres said: "Not so. I got a court order which cancelled his court order cancelling the eviction, and I will fight every court order he obtains with another court order, until I regain control of the flat."

Mr. Gardner has flatly denied all the charges.

As to the electricity, he claims he applied for a meter. Until it was installed, he reached an agreement with his neighbour to take power from him. He and the neighbour were to split the bill. Furthermore, the wires were connected by Edgar workers.

He added that he had not known one had to apply to the Municipality for a water meter. However, there was one installed in the flat and Edgar workers had deliberately removed it.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Stock-dumping

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prices fell yesterday on the stock market, some quite heavily. Financial circles credit the falls to the change in attitude of one large institution, which for the past 10 days or so has been meeting demands for stocks at slightly rising prices, suddenly began selling in larger quantities in a bid to force the price down.

But, these circles point out, there are plenty of buyers ready to move in and pick up the shares offered after the prices fall. For example, some 23,500 shares of Paz Investment were offered yesterday, and *the price fell by 2.5 points to 65.5.* When they reached this level, the brokers began quarrelling among themselves over the shares, and the price rose to 66. (It had opened *at 68.*)

The following fell yesterday: Otzar Taassiya (7,000), Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL1 (800), Hadera Paper (3,000), Assis (2,000), all by 1.5; Bank Leumi remained firm in the opening round but lost 1.5 in the variables, closing at 152.5; Azorim (400), Africa-Palestine IL10 (1,500), Neot Aviv (4,500), Rassco Ordinary (17,000), Ata C (5,000), Cold Storage (1,000), Lighterage (4,000), Elgar (3,000), Discount Investment (3,500), and Lapidot Registered (1,200), all by one; Mehadrin (1,500) lost two; Argaman Preferred *(5,000)* lost five; Dubek (1,000) fell by 3.5; Solel Boneh Bearer (3,000) by three; Ta'al (5,000) by two; Delek Registered (11,000) and Bearer (6,000) by three and 3.5 respectively; Ellern Investment (3,000) by four.

Some 30,000 shares of all three series of Bank Hapoalim were offered, and picked up by a broker believed to be associated with the bank.

The following rose: Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL10 Bearer (10,000) by one; Tefahot Preferred (1,500) by 0.5; Alliance (3,000) by 12 to stand at 614.5.

Both dollar- and index-linked bonds fell. The black market dollar was IL3.80-81, and the investment dollar unchanged at IL4.11, although $7,000 were offered, and $20,000 traded.

The turnover in bonds was IL822,800: the turnover in stocks was IL331,100; of which IL106,100 *was in the variables. The general* index of share prices declined by 0.69 per cent to stand at 119.50.

	28.1.71	27.1.71
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR		
5% Dead Sea Junior	113.5	113.5
5% Electric Corp. Tranche A	203	202.5
6% Electric Corp. Tranche B	127	127
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX		
(Capital & Investment)	138.7	136.4
Defence Loan 41 1968	104.5	104.5
Absorp. and Comp. Loan 1965		
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	54	53.5
Union Bank of Israel — O.	116.5	116
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O.S.	187.5	187
L.D.B. Co. — O.	106.5	106.5
Gen. Mort. Bank — O.	178	178
Pal.-British Bank — O.	155.5	155.5
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	229	228.5
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	126	126
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	115	115
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	254	253.5
Mtg. & In. Bk. for Bldg. — "D" O.	99	99
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	198	198
Industrial Dev. Bk. — 8% P.O.	86.5	86.5
Develop. & Mort. Bank — O.T.	174	174
Housing Mort. Bank — O.	137	137
G.U.S.-Rassco Bank — O.	70	70
Isr. Cent. Tr. & Inv.	102	102
Hassneh Ins. Co. — O.	110	109.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer — O. IL1	84.5	83.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer — O. IL10	41	42
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	138	138.5
Tefahot Isr. Mortg. Bank — O.	137.5	137
Sahar — "C" O.	93.5	91
Azorim — O.	91	90
Africa-Pal. Investment — O. IL10	117	116
Israel Land Dev. Com. — O. Reg.	77	76.5
Isr. Land Dev. Com. 80/61 O.T.	78	77.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant — O.	53.5	54
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	105.5	106
Mehadrin	112	110
Pri Or Ltd.	112.5	112.5
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	86.5	86.5
Rassco — 5% P.O.T.	40.5	40
Rassco — O	28.5	27.5
Isras	54	53.5
Neot Aviv — O.	29.5	28
Alliance — B.T.	602.5	614.5
"Elco" Isr. E.-Mech In. — O.T.	91	91
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	87	81
"Ata" — "C" O.	91	90
Motor House — O.	50.5	50
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	142	138.5
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co. — O. IL10	86	86
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	101	101
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	94	91
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	71	70
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	37	37
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	64.5	64.5
Moller Textile — O.	113.5	113.5
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	111.5	106.5
Teva. — O.T.	375	375
Phonecia 8% P.O.T.	62	62
Paper Mills — O.	141.5	140
Assis "B" — O.	135	131
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	77	77
"Taal" Man. of Plywood — O.	119.5	117.5
Delek "C" — O.	106.5	103.5
Elgar — O.	56.5	55.5
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	115	111
Bank Hapoalim Inv. — O.	113.5	113.5
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	39	39
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	66	66
Ampa Investment — O.	71.5	71.5
Discount Bk. Inv. Cor. — O.T.	139	138
Japhet Bank Invest. Cor. — O.	80	80
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	162	160.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O	44.6	44.5
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	113	113
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co. — O.	47	47
"Piryon" Inv. Trust — "B" Sh.	49	49
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	94	94
Naphtha — O.T.	45.5	45.5
Lapidoth — O.	67.5	66.5

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WALL STREET

Downward adjustment

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The market declined in heavy trading. Analysts who expected a decline remain geenrally optimistic for the longer term. They point out that the market has risen steadily since mid-November and that some downward readjustment was overdue.

Some add that a purging of profit-taking tendencies in the market could lead to further gains.

Sustained activity indicates that investors, including institution, are committing themselves to stocks in the belief that the market is in an upward phase.

Number of shares traded amounted to 20,640,000 as declining issues outpaced advancing issues 978 to 457. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 5.96 points, closing at 860.82.

Alcoa	66	Gen. Elec.	100½	Otis Elev.	42
Amer. Can	40⅜	G. Fs. Corp.	84	Pac. Petr.	28¾
Amer. Mot.	6⅝	Gen. Instr.	20½	Panam WA.	15⅜
Ampex	20⅜	Gen. Mot.	80	Penn-Centrl.	6¼
Amer.R & D	48½	*Gillette*	46⅛	*Pennzoil Un.*	28½
Amer. T & T	52⅝	Glen Alden	8¼	Phil. Petro.	31
Anaconda	21	W.R. Grace	32⅞	Polaroid	86¼
Avco	16⅝	G. W. Fin.	24⅞	Raytneon C.	32
Beth. Stl.	21½	Homest. Min	23¾	RCA	30¾
Boeing Co.	18⅛	IBM	322½	Reynolds T.	57¾
Bourns Inc.	13	Int. Paper	37⅛	Sears Roe	80
Brunswick	22¼	Int. T & T	56¼	Solit. Dev.	13¾
Borroughs	112¾	Itek Corp.	32½	Sperry Rnd.	28⅝
Celanese	67	Lilly & Co.	113½	Stonj	69½
Chrysler	27½	Ling T. Vght	11⅞	Syntex	40¾
Coca-Cola	85¾	Litton Ind.	24¾	Teledyne	26¼
Comsat	58¼	Loew's	38	Telex Corp.	15¾
Cont. Data	58⅞	Marcor	33½	Texas Instr.	86¾
Ct. Wright	11⅞	Mc Crory	19⅜	Time Inc.	44½
Dow Chem	78⅞	McCul. Oil	42	Transwair	16⅝
Dupont	135¼	McDon-D	27⅝	U.N.Carbide.	43¾
East. Airlns.	19⅞	Miles Lab.	45½	US Smelting	28½
Ekodak	76½	Minn. MM	98⅜	US Steel	32¾
Fair Cam.	25⅝	Monsan.	36⅛	Westg. El.	73¾
Fair Hill.	10⅝	Motorola	58¼	Witco Chem	28⅝
Fd.Nt. Mrtg.	65	Murphy Ind.	12⅜	Woolworth	39½
1st Ch. Fin.	45	Natomas	57⅝	Xerox Co.	92⅝
Ford Mot.	54¾	Occ. Pet. C.	18½	Zenith Rad	40⅝
Gen. Bat.	26⅜	Olin Corp.	20¾		

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Ballah man arrests armed robber

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KHAN YUNIS. — An unarmed Deir el-Ballah resident recently carried out a citizen's arrest, disarming and restraining a 21-year-old man who had threatened him with a grenade and demanded IL100 "head money" for the Fatah. The man — who is employed in Israel — then called the Khan Yunis police, who detained the attacker.

An investigation raised the suspicion that the arrested man and two others have commited numerous armed robberies in the name of the Fatah — but they pocketed the money in each case. His two suspected partners have also been arrested.

Official sources in the Gaza Strip noted yesterday that it is becoming an increasingly frequent occurrence to find local residents resisting criminals and calling the police. It was also claimed that numerous so-called "freedom fighters" are actually only highway robbers, capitalizing on the political situation.

Major pays fine for young Gazan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A military court judge yesterday fined a local teenager one pound — and paid the fine himself.

The boy, Attiyeh el-Ajwan, 18, a welfare recipient, was found guilty of leaving a restricted area without a permit. When Rav-Seren (Major) Efraim Talmor found him guilty and announced that he was imposing a token fine — IL1 — the young man burst into tears, explaining that he did not have even a single pound to keep himself out of prison.

E/S Talmor pulled a pound out of his pocket and sent the court interpreter to the Postal Bank to pay the fine so that el-Ajwan could be released immediately.

No split in military on Gaza policy

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There are no differences of opinion between the military administration and the Army command concerning policies adopted to supress terrorism in the Gaza Strip, *The Jerusalem Post* learned here yesterday from well-informed sources.

The Chief of Staff's announced decision to have a senior officer investigate allegations of improper behaviour by Army personnel in the Gaza Strip was seen here as a routine response. The probe is limited to Army activities, since the Border Police are not directly answerable to the Army command in disciplinary matters.

If any Army personnel are accused of irregular behaviour, they will have to face a military court, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

It was pointed out here yesterday that the behaviour of the Army — and the entire Gaza Strip — is open to the scrutiny of all, including journalists.

247 cross Canal to join families

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KANTARA. — More than 200 persons from the Gaza Strip and El Arish were returned to Egypt yesterday via Kantara, under the family reunion scheme. In contrast to the 209 from this side, only 38 persons from Egypt came back to the Gaza Strip.

The exchange lasted five hours and took place in pouring rain. Two motor launches flying the International Red Cross flag crossed the Suez Canal several times carrying the people and their baggage.

Israel Television reported last night that seven person were killed when a bus carrying the returnees from Kantara towards Cairo collided with another vehicle.

The family reunion scheme was discussed in Jerusalem yesterday by the Minister of Interior, Dr. Yosef Burg, and the Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaba'ari.

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Major improvements in airfields

Jerusalem Post Aviations Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The international air terminal at Lod will have three fully-instrumented runways (instead of one) by the end of this year; Jerusalem will get a 2.5 kilometre runway with the present "hump" ironed out, and construction of a new landing strip — out at sea off the Tel Aviv shore — may also be under way by the year's end, Transport Minister Shimon Peres told aviation correspondents here yesterday.

Lod's so-called "silent runway," close to four kms. long, will be asphalted by this summer. Instrumentation, that is the installation of instrument ("blind") landing systems and lighting fixtures, will take a further six months and both this, as well as a new south-west to north-east runway, 1,800m. long, should be in use by the end of this year.

In Jerusalem, a tender to be published by the end of next month will invite bids for the reconstruction of a landing strip there. The new runway will be two kms. long. An additional half a kilometre will be added as soon as the necessary funds for the construction of a circumventing road can be found.

The unevenesses in the present landing strip, the so-called "hump," will be smoothed out and the field should then be safe for bigger aircraft, including intermediate-range jets such as Caravelles, DC-9s and three-engined Boeing-727s.

But Jerusalem Airport will continue to serve only inland traffic, and there is no intention of building a second international airport anywhere in the country, at least for the time being, because of a shortage of funds, Mr. Peres said.

In Tel Aviv, plans for a runway out at sea running parallel to the shore line are now being compiled by the firm of Hugo Marom, aviation consultants, Mr. Peres said. A decision on the new strip will be taken in June, "and it is possible that the creation of a new bay may prove of interest to investors," Mr. Peres said.

The Ellat and Mahanayim fields will also be improved, as will the landing strips at Beersheba and Sde Boker.

Total investment in local airfields during the coming year will amount to some IL68m. — most of it for Lod. The cost of reconstruction or improving the eight existing inland airfields will cost some IL14m.

New air safety instruments to be introduced during the course of the year include radio beacons (V.O.R.) and a distance measuring device for Lod which will enable pilots to receive accurate last-minute information as to their location, altitude and approach angle to the Lod runways. New wireless equipment is already being installed, and a tender for the purchase of a powerful radar unit for Lod will be issued shortly.

The new equipment and runways should enable Lod to carry out 25 movements (take-offs or landings) per hour — more than three times its present maximum capacity.

Commenting on flight safety measures, Mr. Peres noted the reinforcement of the civil aviation senior staff by El Al Captains Amram Shemer and Eli Bahat, who will both be available on loan for a period of one year. Additional experts are now being recruited.

All the smaller aircraft companies have had their licences extended for only one month, instead of having them automatically prolonged for another year from January 1, "to give them time for second thoughts concerning all the demands made on them, and to check up whether they are really fulfilling all their contracted obligations," Mr. Peres concluded.



Transport Minister Shimon Peres, accompanied by senior Civil Aviation Administration officials, yesterday inspected a new distance measuring device now being installed at Lod Airport. Known as M.D.E., it is designed to enable pilots of homing-in aircraft to get accurate and precise information on their bearings.

Explosive laid at Haifa cinema

HAIFA. — An explosive charge wrapped in cloth was discovered by a police sergeant outside the Armon Cinema here on Tuesday night. The Armon and other Haifa cinemas were evacuated, and searches carried out.

A police sapper detonated the charge, which had a time-delay fuse connected to it.

Twelve persons were detained on suspicion but all were released yesterday. *(Itim)*

B-G at the Canal

Former Premier David Ben-Gurion visited the Suez Canal and the Sinai yesterday, as guest of the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Bar-Lev. He was accompanied by his son, Amos.

Mr. Ben-Gurion talked with soldiers during his tour and asked about the conditions under which they were serving.

N.R.P. blocks solution to Nazareth crisis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Hopes for a coalition between the N.R.P. and Labour factions, and thus an end to the Town Council crisis, were dashed again last night. Mr. Yacoub Salem, head of the N.R.P. faction which has held the balance since the December 8 elections, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that his faction had decided not to enter a coalition with either Labour or the Rakah Communists, each of which has seven seats. He said the decision had been taken by the 51-man faction forum, and that they had informed the N.R.P. leadership of it.

They decided to spurn the Labour factions because the latter had been unwilling to discuss the mayorality and other N.R.P. demands with them.

Meanwhile, the incumbent Mayor, Mussa Kteily, Labour, has put off sending out invitations for the first session of the new Council. The session has to take place tomorrow since it has already been postponed for a fortnight by special permission of the District Representative, pending coalition talks.

Meir becomes Haifa Freeman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Prime Minister Golda Meir was yesterday made a freeman of this city.

The function was held at the Municipal Theatre in the presence of Labour Minister Yosef Almogi, Mayor Moshe Flieman, Bishop Joseph Raya, Members of the Knesset and Municipality City Council, Arab and Druse dignitaries, rabbis and community leaders.

Replying to the warm words of the Mayor, Mrs. Meir said: "I have one great ambition, and that is to live — even for a short time — in real peace, when nobody has to take a decision to send our boys into danger. May I experience that, and be it only briefly, so that I can leave the world knowing that he who succeeds me will not have to face such decisions."

Sapir against rates increase

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Strong opposition to raising municipal rates was expressed yesterday by the Finance Minister and the Histadrut Secretary-General. They warned that any such increase would upset economic stability.

They were speaking at the joint session of the Alignment Economic and Municipal Affairs Committee, convened to hear the financial demands of local government leaders. The chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, and Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz noted that local government budgets amounted to IL1,355m. in 1970, ending in a combined deficit of IL227m. They want a rates increase of IL60m., or 50 per cent.

The meeting ended with the appointment of a 10-man committee, headed by Mr. Sapir, to examine the question of municipal rates for the coming year, and also consider the entire question of the local government taxation system.

(The Interior Ministry Director-General announced on Monday that local rates would be allowed to rise this year, as they have remained unchanged for four years.)



A corridor on the fifth floor of the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel, after yesterday's blaze. (Israel Sun photo)

Brief blaze at T.A. Hilton

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A short-lived conflagration in a wing of the fifth floor of the Tel Aviv Hilton yesterday morning caused little damage, but plenty of excitement, as exaggerated reports of the fire, broadcast over Israel Radio in its 10 o'clock newscast, spread throughout the city.

The damage amounted to four doors and the ceiling and wall panelling along a section of the fifth floor. But for the fire-resistant materials used in the construction of the hotel, including fire-resistant paint on the doors, the damage would have been much greater.

The causalties were limited to two women, who fainted, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

The fire started in the ceiling panelling at 8.30 a.m. It is believed to have been caused by an overloading of the electric circuit, or possibly a short circuit. The outbreak was immediately detected. The presence of mind of the hotel staff and, in particular, of the security officer on duty at the time, helped reduce the damage. This official ordered on immediate shutdown of the electricity, and the hotel staff succeeded in dousing the fire within 20 minutes. Meanwhile six fire brigade cars had driven up, trailed by ambulances and police vans.

None of the occupants of the fifth floor wing were in their rooms at the time. The doors were badly charred and in some rooms the ceiling plaster was cracked by the intense heat.

Guests staying is other wings of the fifth and the sixth floors were evacuated by the service lifts. There was no panic, and one hour later there was no indication anywhere — apart from the sealed-off wing — that anything was amiss in the hotel.

The Post was informed that the hotel is booked to capacity.

According to UPI, the Palestine Liberation Organization in Amman boasted of responsibility for the fire, saying its men had placed "explosive and incendiary charges" at the Tel Aviv hotel. The charges went off yesterday morning, starting the blaze, he said.

'Call me Haim Knoke'

Bonn envoy well, despite obituary

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The German Ambassador yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post*, in an amused tone, "Henceworth I will call myself Haim Karl Herman Knoke."

The Ambassador was reacting in good spirit to the story of his sudden demise prominently featured yesterday on the front page of a local newspaper, which had been taken in by a hoax. He had been informed of the traditional Jewish practice of adding the name Haim (life) to anyone who had been close to death.

Dr. Knoke's residence in Herzliya was full of flowers yesterday morning, condolence telegrams came in, while a number of Ambassadors arrived at the Embassy to sign the condolence book, only to find His Excellency alive and well.

Several newspapers and the radio received a telephone message on Tuesday evening, announcing the Ambassador's sudden death. "Ha'aretz" printed the report, together with a biography and photograph, and went as far as to report that a condolences book was to be opened at the Embassy, and that the remains of the deceased would be flown to West Germany for burial on Thursday.

When the caller telephoned to *The Jerusalem Post's* Tel Aviv bureau, this reporter happened to answer. The caller spoke English with a heavy German accent, and presented himself as an official of the West German Embassy. Speaking in suitably sorrowful tones, he conveyed the "sad news." When pressed for further details, he rang off.

Checking the report, this reporter spoke to the Embassy's Cultural Attache, Dr. Christoph Niemoller, at his home here. He said: "It must be a hoax. I have just left the Ambassador at work in his office." Later I heard that he returned, to inform Mr. Knoke of the incident, just as the Ambassador was leaving to attend the Australian Day celebration at the Australian Embassy.



K. H. KNOKE

Apparently on the understanding that *The Jerusalem Post* was the only newspaper involved, the Embassy left it at that.

Came the dawn and with it the "Ha'aretz" story. A horrified editor endeavoured to make amends, but meanwhile the condolence calls, telegrams, flowers and messages poured in.

When Mr. Knoke was interviewed by Israel Television last night he said "the pleasant side of all this has been that such nice things have been said about me. At least I had the rare delight of reading my own obituary. One thing it shows is that my work has not been in vain."

He could not envisage who could have played a trick, and he did not intend filing a complaint with the police. TV editor Haim Yavin finished by wishing him "until 120," in Yiddish.

One German newspaper correspondent told me that practical jokes of this kind have been plaguing newspaper, television and radio newsrooms for some time throughout West Germany. The hoaxer could well have been a young German who has spent some time in Israel and enjoys a rather bizarre sense of humour.

It will be recalled that a few years ago "Haaretz" fell victim to a hoax of another kind, when printing a report of the supposed arrival at Lod Airport of famous Soviet violinist David Oistrach, quoting him as having said: "I am happy to step on the soil of my homeland." This story, too, was phoned in by an anonymous caller, and printed without any checking.

Fraud suspect found dead

TEL AVIV. — Daniel Yisraeli-Auerbuch, the man suspected of posing as an Israel military attache in France and Italy, died of a heart attack in his Nahariya home on Tuesday. He was to have appeared in court here that day, to hear an Italian woman testify against him.

Yisraeli, who had a previous record of impersonation and fraud, was once known as "the Rehovot scientist," from a time when he obtained money fraudulently by posing as a research scientist. After he got out of jail, he went to Europe. Rumours got back here that he was posing as an Israel military attache to "con" unwitting persons into giving him large sums of money.

The Italian woman, Mrs. Erica Fazouli, claimed he took a million lire from her that way.

His body was found after he failed to appear in court. *(Itim)*

Year's Sportsman awards presented

TEL AVIV. — Track star Esther Shahamorov was yesterday presented with the "Sportsman of the Year" trophy.

Miss Shahamorov was the first choice of the 31 sports writers organized by the newspaper "Hadashot Hasport" to pick the "Sportsman of the Year." Second place went to Hanna Shezifi (track), and third place went to Mordechai Spiegler (football).

Miss Shahamorov and Miss Shezifi took two gold medals each at the recent Asian Games.

The trophies were presented by the Ministry of Education and Culture, Mr. Yigal Allon. *(Itim)*

Iraqi martyrs are remembered at Ashkelon meeting

ASHKELON. — A large crowd of recently arrived immigrants from many countries came to the Immigrant Absorption Centre here yesterday for a memorial meeting for the nine Iraqi Jews hanged two years ago.

The meeting was conducted by a native of Baghdad, who described the condition of the Jewish communities in Arab countries today, and called on Jews everywhere not to forget their brothers there.

Ashkelon Chief Rabbi Y. Sharvit addressed the meeting, as did Mayor Rehavia Adivi. The assemblage rose as Rabbi Y. Safo, a native of Iraq, recited *kadish*. *(Itim)*

IMMIGRANTS from Arab countries and the Soviet Union — including those who were lately released from Soviet prisons for Zionist activities — will be honoured this Independence Day Eve as torchlighters at the traditional Mount Herzl ceremony.

Peres: Must tell Egypt they'd lose again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

We must make it clear to the Egyptians that international guarantees are no substitute for peace, Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres stated in Jerusalem last night. It is not true that Israel is using the Jarring talks simply to gain time; there is no profit in this, he continued. Israel is not seeking to bring an end to the third Arab-Israel war, but is trying to put an end to the war situation, that is, to achieve peace.

Addressing the 27th congress of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Organization, Mr. Peres said that Egypt wants us to withdraw without making peace, and even if we do withdraw from the territories they won't make peace. We must make it clear to them that, if they recommence hostilities, either limited or full-scale war, the results will be the same as in the past.

Recalling his recent visit to France, he noted that the swing in French opinion away from the Arabs and back towards Israel is in many ways the result of the sudden abandonment by Egypt of the Palestinian entity issue and the refugee issue, and its sudden call for a four-power peace-keeping force in the Middle East. This appeal for Big Power intervention shocked the French Left, he said.

Chief-of-Staff Haim Bar-Lev told the 85 delegates that they are living evidence of the battles which have passed over Israel during the past 23 years. "Zahal sees you not only as brothers in arms, but also as evidence of the army's fight for the nation's survival," he said.

The chairman of the organization, Mr. Shlomo Lederman, stressed, as did the other speakers, that this is one body which doesn't want to see its membership grow. "Regrettably, in addition to the 1,000 members we gained as a result of the Six Day War, we have also seen our membership grow by 2,321 since then". This means that membership has grown 45 per cent since the 1967 war.

During his address, he said that while "we all know the importance of immigration for the State, it is an impossible situation that, in all matters connected with housing, the rights of a newly-disabled soldier are less than those of the new immigrant." He also criticised the fact that there are still numerous firms in the country which refuse to hire disabled veterans of the Defence Forces.

The congress continues today and will discuss the practical side of the organization's activities and its policy for the coming three years.

Rafael denies resignation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Gideon Rafael, yesterday firmly denied press reports claiming that he had submitted his resignation to Foreign Minister Abba Eban. But he declined to comment on reports that relations between him and Mr. Eban had recently become tense.

Mr. Eban also denied the report yesterday, claiming in a television interview to be relayed this evening that there was "no basis for the rumours."

Rumours of such tension and of the possibility of Mr. Rafael's resignation have been rife in Jerusalem for almost two weeks. They came to a head after Tuesday's night's Alignment Knesset faction meeting, when a number of leading Knesset Members discussed the issue openly and even mentioned possible successors to Mr. Rafael.

One of the main issues which are reported to have recently marred relations between the Minister and his Director-General is the fact that Mr. Rafael is not always invited to take part in discussions and decisions connected with the current Jarring talks. The Prime Minister herself has taken charge of all major developments and decisions regarding the Jarring mission, and, in addition to Mr. Eban, the Foreign Ministry's Assistant Director-General, Mr. Mordechai Gazit, is coordinating all these activities.

Mr. Rafael is reported to have complained to Mr. Eban about this situation, implying that he may have to draw the necessary conclusions unless things change. The first serious friction occurred three weeks ago, when Mr. Rafael thought it unnecessary for U.N. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah to come to Jerusalem together with Dr. Jarring. The matter had to be brought for final decision to Mrs. Meir, who ruled that Mr. Tekoah should attend the talks in Jerusalem with the U.N. envoy.

Two Assistant Directors-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Aviezer Chelouche and Mr. Moshe Bitan, resigned last year as a result of misunderstandings with Mr. Rafael, while a third, Mr. Gershon Avner, has been reported wishing to resign for some time.

Dinitz going to U.S. for Bonds, not talks

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel Embassy officials here yesterday denied a report in "Ha'aretz" that the Prime Minister's Political Secretary, Simha Dinitz, is coming to Washington to deal with continuing political contacts with the U.S.

Mr. Dinitz will be on a Bonds mission and will not be visiting this city, they said.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with scattered showers and possible thunderstorms.
Weather synopsis: Low over East Mediterranean moving eastwards, causing influx of cold air.

	Yesterday's humidity	Yesterday's temperature	Today's max.
Jerusalem	61	7—11	9
Golan	55	1— 9	7
Nahariya	89	8—14	12
Safad	95	4— 8	7
Haifa Port	69	9—15	13
Tiberias	80	6—16	15
Nazareth	68	7—11	9
Afula	57	3—16	15
Beisan	—	—	15
Sharon	77	9—12	9
Tel Aviv	88	9—17	16
Lod Airport	80	7—17	16
Jericho	45	9—20	13
Gaza	58	9—18	16
Beersheba	45	6—16	16
Eilat	30	6—21	19
Tiran Straits	46	11—22	20

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Jennie Z. Gilbert, President, Mizrahi Women of Ireland, for a three-week visit.

DEPARTURES

Tat-Aluf Shlomo Gazit, coordinator of activities in the administered areas, for Paris, on behalf of the U.J.A. (by El Al).

Mr. Dan Koren, Secretary of the Israel Scouts Organization, for India, to attend the All-India Scouts Jamboree.

Mr. Lyuba Bershadskaya, for the U.S. and Canada on a fortnight's speaking tour on the plight of Soviet Jewry, on the initiative of B'nai B'rith-Hillel Foundation and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry (by El Al).

TODAY'S POSTBAG

SIRENS WILL BE tested today in the following localities: Tiberias, Migdal, Yavniel, Kfar Tabor, Upper Nazareth, Migdal Ha'emek, Yokne'am Ramat Yishai, Kishon, Yizre'el, Megiddo, Gilboa, Lower Galilee, Petah Tikva and Yehud. The sirens will sound minute-long, unbroken blasts. In event of a real emergency, the blasts will be undulating.

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B'NAI B'RITH lodges in the Greater Tel Aviv area have undertaken to provide 5,000 rest days beside the sea to soldiers this summer.

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TO MARK solidarity with the striking post office workers in Britain, their Israel counterparts will transfer no telephone calls, cables or telex messages to Britain for 24 hours beginning at midnight tonight.

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NO TICKETS are available at the box office of Bloomfield Stadium before crowd-drawing games, according to Tel Aviv Judge Boris Rapoport, because "scalping has become a national plague." He imposed fines of IL500 and IL300 on two scalpers, found guilty of selling tickets to football games for IL30 each (instead of IL5).

MDA honours Werner Nissel

A veteran Jerusalem physician, Dr. Werner Nissel, yesterday became the first honorary member of Magen David Adom, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

He was presented with a parchment scroll at a luncheon at Beit Agron by Mr. Eliahu Elath, president of the M.D.A. in Israel.

Dr. Nissel was one of the founders of the M.D.A. in 1932. *(Itim)*

There's a strike in the air, say the weathermen

RAMLE. — Weathermen at the Beit Dagan Meteorological Station yesterday forecast a strike — to begin next Wednesday. They claim the Civil Service Commission has rejected their demands for grade adjustments for 137 staff members.

At a meeting over the week-end, the workers voted to begin "action" on Sunday, including a refusal to publish weather forecasts.

The Rishon Lezion Labour Council has approved the proposed strike since more than two weeks have passed since a labour dispute had been declared, and no progress has been made towards a settlement. *(Itim)*

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